



Light in the Shadows

DECEMBER 2012

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

Advent: Waiting And Expectation



I had wondered if Pastor Carole was going to write something for this column for this month. However I learned that the task fell upon me. So I said to Pat, our editor, "I wonder what I should say." She said, "talk about Advent." I thought to myself, I kind of played that tune a couple of months ago. Then a couple of things came together that suggested that indeed there are some more reflections to share on Advent.

I read a quarterly journal on Christian spiritual life, entitled, *Weavings*, which in each issue takes a theme and reflects upon it through a variety of articles. The current issue indicated that for the next few editions they will be exploring "Times of Change, Times of Challenge"—looking at this "through the lens of community." The first issue in this series will focus upon community, which in Greek is "Koinonia."

The editor writes "During this season of Advent, when we often gather with those with whom we find a sense of community, what do the Advent themes have to say to us about facing and "doing" life together in times of change and challenge? One thing is sure: our sense of connectedness influences the way we view and navigate times of change." The editor concludes her comments with "In this Advent season, may you experience the very Spirit of togetherness."

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—Fr. Sanford R. Johnson

What should the tone of the season be? How do we best express this? How do we prepare for the coming of the Lord, as the Child in the manger, and as the Lord of Lords at the end of the age? At one point Pastor Carole said

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You Are Invited to St. Luke's Annual Christmas Tea & Sale

**Saturday, December 1st
11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
in Willard Hall**

Come join us for a relaxing and fun day... savoring a cup of hot tea or mulled cider and delicious holiday foods, visiting with friends and neighbors, shopping for great gift-giving items.

- * Hand-quilted Items *
- * Original Christmas Tree Ornaments *
- * Grandma's Attic Treasures *
- * A Holiday Gift Food Table *
- * "Cookies in a Tin" & much more! *

From the Senior Warden



Exciting Times

Advent is nearly here, that lovely time of excited anticipation when we wait to celebrate Christ's birth and replenish our bond with our God and with other Christians. I am awed when I realize that worshipers around the world are thinking about making special food in celebration and singing joyful songs, just as we are, for the same reason. We're all getting ready to receive Him, and praise Him, and offer ourselves in service to His Name, and it makes me breathless.

Our Interim Rector will soon be with us, and I'm excited about that, as well. The Rev. Carole Wageman is joyous and comforting and spiritual and learned, and we are truly blessed that He has sent her to lead us. She'll be "Pastor Carole" to me, just as Father Paul was "Father Paul", because I'm an old-fashioned Episcopalian and can't address clergy without a title, but she'll probably be "Carole" to most of you. You'll like her very much.

The Christmas Tea is nearly here, which is also exciting, and I hope that many of you will plan to attend. It's St. Luke's second biggest fundraiser, and the whole parish volunteers or donates, or both. We have tea and coffee in china cups, and a big buffet of sandwiches and holiday cookies, and sales of cookies and jams and pickles and handmade ornaments and gifts. I do my small part by baking cookies and working in the kitchen, and I hope to see you. It's a big production that many attend, and the parish fellowship we share is wonderful.

*Holiday Blessings to you all,
Kathryn*

Why The Plastic Bag On The Memorial Stone?

Several parishioners have approached me to ask why there is an ugly heavy-duty plastic bag covering the memorial stone and plaque. The reason for this temporary measure is to protect both the stone and the brass plaque from being damaged by harsh winter elements. The stone itself is a layered schist which can be damaged by constant thawing and freezing of winter rains and snow. During special services, we can easily remove the plastic cover and then replace it once the service is completed. In the spring the stone will be professionally sealed so that a cover will not be necessary in the future. —*Peter Rosengarten*

Advent ...

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"Advent is about expectant waiting and anticipation that God is coming! I am interested in using the Advent Wreath as a way to express that idea. I always find it such a sign of hope that in the time of year when the days get darker and darker, the Advent Wreath reminds us that the light is growing—and the darkness will not put it out."

As the days get darker and darker, the Advent Wreath reminds us that the light, 'the Light', is growing. What a glorious image! We seem to be sinking into the depths of darkness, as the days just get shorter and shorter. The night becomes more and more. (And I hate going to work in the dark and coming home in the dark. That is one of the joys of going to Maui, where year-round the days are twelve hours. And when we return in mid-February, the daylight here in New England is much longer than it was when we left in January.) Advent and the lighting of the candles each week remind us that, as St. John says, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." The Light is growing, the Light that comes into the world on Christmas Day with the birth of the Christ child, and the Light that comes to restore all things to the wholeness which is God's purpose and plan for the creation as the Risen Christ comes as the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, at the end of the age. Both are what we long for and wait expectantly for in this season of Advent.

Just a word about "Koinonia." The Greek lexicon I have defines koinonia as fellowship, communion, and as a contribution as the outcome of fellowship. All of this translates as community, which is what Church is: the community of God's saints, that is, of us.

Advent, the season of expectant waiting, but not a time when we are left alone. We wait and pray and look expectantly in community. We are those who experience the very Spirit of togetherness, as those who know that, as the day lessens day by day, the lights of the candles of the Advent Wreath tell us that the light grows in the darkness and indeed overcomes the darkness. And as those who live in koinonia, in the fellowship and community of the saints where each of us offers our contribution to the glory of God, we are able to meet the times of change and the times of challenge.

For all this we say Thanks be to God!

*Blessings,
Fr. Sanford*

I am not alone at all, I thought. I was never alone at all. And that, of course, is the message of Christmas. We are never alone. Not when the night is darkest, the wind coldest, the word seemingly most indifferent. For this is still the time God chooses. —*Taylor Caldwell*

The Rev. Carole Wageman Is Called As Interim Rector At St. Luke's



We are pleased to announce that the **Rev. Carole Wageman** has been called to serve as Interim Rector at St. Luke's. The motion to call Carole received unanimous approval from the Vestry at the October meeting. Those who had participated in the interview process were impressed with Carole's encouraging and positive attitude, sense of joy, and thoughtful spirituality. The Vestry concluded that she was right for St. Luke's and

would make the transition time for us a most comfortable and positive experience. She accepted the invitation to lead St. Luke's for the next two years while the search for a rector begins. Carole will begin her half-time duties on the first Sunday in Advent, December 2, and will be serving us weekly from Sunday through Wednesday morning and full weeks in Lent during Holy Week.

Carole received her Masters Degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York but then took a long hiatus from Church—a story which she has indicated she will share with us along the way. Upon finding the Episcopal Church (Christ Church, Montpelier, VT) in 1998, she eventually began pursuing Holy Orders, was an active parishioner at Christ Church, and also worked full-time as an Associate Director for Community Development at the Washington County Youth Service Bureau in Montpelier. She was ordained a transitional Deacon in May, 2003 and ordained a Priest in December of the same year. Since her ordination until December 2011 she served as the Associate Rector at Trinity Episcopal Church in Shelburne, VT, working with children, youth and families in addition to pastoral, liturgical and administrative duties. Since January Carole has kept quite busy supplying at sister churches in northern Vermont; becoming certified as a Diocesan Safe Church Trainer; Chair of the 2012 Diocesan Convention Program Committee and has recently completed her certification training in Transitional Interim Ministry.

Carole's experience in her secular as well as church profession draws together skills in human services, children and youth, staff/volunteer training and supervision, program development, community organizing, grant writing, pastoral care and personal faith.

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It is the consensus of the Vestry that as our interim Carole will communicate well with all ages, particularly given her experience with and commitment to children in her professional life. She is happily married to her husband of 37 years and a loving and supportive mother, grand-mother, daughter and sister.

We invite and encourage you all to be in church on Sunday, December 2 to meet Carole and warmly welcome her to our community of faith! — **Bonnie Watters**



Outreach Committee Update

One of the tasks that the Outreach Committee does every meeting is to review the correspondence that was received. There is usually a lot of it as you might guess. Anyone (or any organization) that contributes to almost any cause finds their way onto many mailing lists. It might be a thank you letter, a letter asking to be considered as a donee or an informational letter about the organization. This meeting there were three which we would like to share briefly with you. The complete letters can be found on the Outreach Board in Willard Hall. (Please remember also to take a look at the loose leaf notebook which has a section for each of the organizations that we support with our budgeted outreach funds.

There is a letter from CHABHA that is interesting from the standpoint that a senior from the Putney School spent part of her summer working with one of CHABHA's projects in Africa. A letter from the Episcopal Hospital Chaplaincy at Dartmouth Hitchcock, informed us that insurance requirements have increased and that currently it costs them \$30 for each visitation made. Their records indicate that between July 2011 and June 2012, one of their chaplains called on five patients who attend St. Luke's. A letter from Windsor County Partners relates a story about a 10-year old who lives with his mom and three siblings. He has never known his dad, has trouble making friends, struggles academically and is currently hanging with older kids who are involved with drugs. We present three letters as personal ministries which you might consider.

There was also a notice of a meeting that took place in October conducted by the New England Organ Bank. There are end of life decisions which probably should be made well in advance of the end of life. This group offers to help you prepare documentation of your wishes relative to tissue and/or organ donation. Email: Karen_DiSanto@neob.org or telephone (617)558-6616.

The next Outreach Committee meeting will be between services on Sunday, **January 13, 2013**. Please join us!

—**Don Robinson**

"Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love." —Hamilton W. Mabie

180th Diocesan Convention... A Memorable Experience For Sara

I am thrilled to say that I had the amazing opportunity to attend the **180th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Vermont** which was held at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Burlington, VT. on Friday, November 2nd and Saturday, November 3rd, 2012. WOW! I had no idea what I was in for and was so pleasantly surprised when I arrived. I was so warmly welcomed by everyone and can not say enough about our Bishop Thomas Ely. He is truly a fantastic man. He is warm and has an outstanding sense of humor. He had us all laughing for two days straight!

I am not sure how many of you have been to St. Paul's before, but it is a very unique structure, made of cement and stone, so the acoustics in the cathedral are like none I have ever heard. When we sang, it reminded me of the Tabernacle Choir. I had goosebumps every time we sang together! Boy, we sure did sound good!

We were joined by a guest speaker, Bishop Michael Bruce Curry of North Carolina. He was an enthusiastic speaker, to say the very least! In fact, on more than one occasion, he had me in tears at the inspirational words he shared and his message of "shall we dance?" He emanated love and acceptance for all.

On Friday night, we attended the Taize worship which was so moving. We were told that we could bring a picture of a loved one from our church that had passed and post it for all of us to remember. I brought Pat Saul's picture. The cathedral was candlelit, with various altar stations to go to and pray. It was a very memorable night. Let's not forget the dinner—Jean Hancock and I were introduced to our new interim priest, The Rev. Carole Wageman. She is truly an amazing person and I look forward to her joining us at St. Luke's.

On Saturday, after attending a beautiful eucharist service, we got down to business. There were many resolutions on the table. I will not name them all, but a couple that I would like to highlight are **The Stirrings of the Spirit** and **A Resolution Focusing on Those Living in Poverty**. The Stirrings of the Spirit, although not fully understood as of yet, from what I do understand this resolution is meant to reach out to the entire community of churches for the betterment of all in order to strengthen our spiritual lives, and at the same time, open ourselves to new understandings and expressions of what it means to be spiritual beings. (This last part was taken directly from the resolution). The Resolution Focusing on Those Living in Poverty is summed up with a question: "How will what we are doing here affect or involve those living in poverty?" The resolution suggests that we as a church community include in our prayer and in every parish or diocesan meeting, as an agenda item or as a query for brief reflection of this question. I know I intend to begin each of my United in Prayer groups by asking my participants to ponder this question.

I am so grateful for having this chance to participate in this years convention. I hope to attend many more.

—Sara Gagnon

November Vestry Highlights

St. Luke's Vestry met on November 14, with a primary focus on the Budget. **Sally Hoover**, Treasurer, was present to discuss St. Luke's the proposed Budget Draft for 2013. Several motions were considered and approved in regard to budgetary issues including the following:

- Approval of a "Clergy Housing Allowance Resolution" for The Rev. Carole Wageman, beginning on December 1, 2012 and throughout 2013.

Senior Warden, **Kathryn Wright** reported we are finalizing the "Letter of Agreement" with the Interim Rector and the Diocese.

Co-Junior Warden, **Richard Crocker** reported that the exterior light (at the back of Moon Dog Café) has been replaced, adequately lighting the back walkway of the church. Richard also presented a request from the choir to install brighter lighting in the choir loft. This would cost about \$400 due to necessary wiring. Bill Hoyt offered to donate the cost. A motion was made and approved to proceed with this project, with a vote of thanks to Bill for his generosity.

New Business: A set of guidelines for the use of St. Luke's Memorial Garden will be drawn up by Peter Rosengarten and Sanford. Other motions discussed and approved:

- To allow the Springfield Humane Society to conduct 3 spaying clinics in Willard Hall in 2013.
- Approval for Operation Christmas Child Workshops to be held in Willard Hall once a month throughout 2013.
- Approval of the Outreach Committee's recommendations for disbursement of outreach funds for 2012.

The need for a "nomination committee" for the Annual Meeting was discussed. It was decided this isn't necessary since the current Vestry member's positions are frozen until a new rector is called. We do need to present a slate for **Diocesan Convention Delegates**. Sara Gagnon and Jean Hancock have asked to be delegates again in 2013. Mike Saul said he would be like to be a delegate and Richard Crocker offered to be an alternate. There is a need for 2 more alternates. If you have an interest please speak to Kathryn Wright.

Finally, there will be a Reception for our new Interim Rector, **Rev. Carol Wageman**, following the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, **December 2**.

The next meeting is Wednesday, **December 19**, with a Christmas get-together at Bill Hoyt's. At that time the 2013 Budget will be voted on. —Pat Fromberger

"He was created of a mother whom he created. He was carried by hands that he formed. He cried in the manger in wordless infancy, he, the Word, without whom all human eloquence is mute." —Augustine of Hippo

Festival Of Lessons & Carols Celebrated at St. Luke's on Dec. 16th



ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

One of the most loved church services during the Advent/Christmas season, the *Festival of Lessons & Carols*, with Scripture and song, retells the Christmas story, and for many it's a moving spiritual experience. We invite you to come join us at St. Luke's Church on Sunday, **December 16**, at **4:00 p.m.** for this annual celebration that will be followed by a covered dish supper in Willard Hall with everything from soups to nuts (including an assortment of yummy desserts.)

The Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols is a format for a service

of worship celebrating the birth of Jesus which is traditionally followed at Christmas. The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus is told in nine short Bible readings, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols and hymns. The format was based on an Order drawn up by Edward White Benson, later Archbishop of Canterbury but at that time Bishop of Truro, in Cornwall, for use on Christmas Eve (24 December) 1880. Tradition says that he organized a 10 p.m. service on Christmas Eve in a temporary wooden shed serving as his cathedral and that a key purpose of the service was to keep men out of pubs on Christmas Eve.

Be sure to put this festive event on the calendar and invite your friends and neighbors. So we can plan accordingly, contact **Bonnie Watters** (phone 875-2114), or email: lewbon@vermontel.net and let her know what you plan to bring for the meal and how many guests will be in tow.

Advent & Christmas Worship Schedule

Sunday	Dec. 2 Advent I
8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Sunday	Dec. 9 Advent II
8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Sunday	Dec. 16 Advent III (Rejoice/Rose Sunday)
8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Greening of the Church after the 10:00 a.m. service)
4:00 p.m.	Festival of Lessons & Carols (followed by a covered dish supper in Willard Hall)
Sunday	Dec. 23 Advent IV
8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Monday	Dec. 24 CHRISTMAS EVE
6:30 p.m.	Carol Singing
7:00 p.m.	Festival, Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Tuesday	Dec. 25 Christmas Day
	The Nativity of Our Lord
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Sunday	Dec. 30 Christmas I
8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II



Poinsettias—A Time-Honored Tradition for Memorials & Thanksgivings



It is a tradition at St. Luke's to adorn the sanctuary with brilliant Poinsettias for the festive Christmas Season. The poinsettia plant has a small flower in the middle that is a symbol of the star of Bethlehem, which led the three wise men to Christ the night of his birth. This resemblance to the star started the

Christmas flower tradition in Mexico in the 18th century. At St. Luke's these beautiful flowers are given as memorials for dearly departed loved ones, in celebration of a special

occasion, or in thanksgiving for a child, mother, father, wife, husband, partner, and special friends. If you wish to participate in this lovely tradition, please include a note with the names of persons you wish to commemorate, PRINTED CLEARLY, along with your check payable to: "St. Luke's Church" with a memo, "*Christmas memorial flowers.*"

Mail by **December 17th** to:

Adelaide Johnson,

294 Hill Top Rd., Andover, VT 05143

Be sure to indicate whether the persons named are for a "Memorial – those who have died" or are a "Thanksgiving – for those still living"

The Outreach Corner

Operation Christmas Child

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has helped make this year's OCC a huge success. As of this writing, there are over 200 boxes packed and ready to go. Please continue saving all kinds of covers, styrofoam fruit and veggie trays, tuna fish cans, cereal box cardboard, old denim jeans and anything else you think can be used to make toys and games.

Rudy and I will be touring the Boone, NC Operation Christmas Child processing center the last week in November. Hopefully we will have many photos and new information to share when we return.

Knit-A-Square Update

Thank you Cyrena Goodrich and Marcia Clinton for knitting so many squares. Another shipment will go to South Africa in the next few weeks. If you want to learn more about this ministry, check out this website: <http://www.knit-a-square.com/>

The Mitten Basket Update

The Mitten Basket collection ends Sunday, December 16 (so you still have a couple of weeks to finish knitting mittens.) All mittens and hats will be distributed to area schools that week before school vacation. Thank you to all the faithful knitters who contributed to this effort and continue to make it a meaningful outreach for St. Luke's —*Marcia Clinton*

New Home for Chester/Andover Family Center

The Chester/Andover Family Center has recently moved to a new location at 908, Rt. 103, south, formerly the home of Curtis's BBQ. Having outgrown our home, for over 20 years, on Depot St., this new home is more spacious and allows for the Thrift Shop and Food Shelf to be on the first floor. We are now able to purchase some of our food from the Vermont Food Bank at a much more cost effective price than purchasing all the food at the super markets. The recipients are able to "shop" for their food, picking out what they like rather than having it chosen for them. We continue to welcome donations of clothing and non-perishable food items. Our hours are: Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Wednesday, 1:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Thursday, 1:00-6:00 p.m. Food Shelf; Friday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Saturday, 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.. Please stop by for a visit.—*Adelaide Johnson*

October Financial Status

Pledges seem to be falling further behind as the year goes on. In September they were 5½% behind and in October they are 7½% behind. Once more we have to ask you to please try to get your pledges up to date if at all possible. The good news is that expenses for October are less than half what they were in an average month up to this point. This should also be the case in November since our Interim Rector does not begin until December. If pledges can stay current we will almost erase the \$12,800 deficit for this year. Since this is Stewardship month here are a few interesting statistics: In 2012 there were 36 pledges for a total of \$96,000. Five of those pledges totaled about \$48,220, the remaining pledges made up the rest. Since the official Ingathering date was November 18th, if you have not yet gotten your pledge card in, please do so as soon as possible so the budget for 2013 can be completed. Thank you.

—*The Finance Committee*

St. Luke's Financial Information

	<u>Oct. 2012</u>	<u>Jan.-Oct. 2012</u>	<u>2012 Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Plate/Pledge Income	\$ 7,604.00	\$ 92,942.87	\$ 111,100.00	83.66%
Other Oper. Income	\$ 2,638.39	\$ 17,485.46	\$ 21,864.00	79.97%
Restricted Income	\$ 229.00	\$ 2,069.00		
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 10,471.39	\$ 112,497.33	\$ 132,964.00	84.61%
Operating Expense	\$ 4108.44	\$ 103,275.33	\$ 145,811.44	70.83%
Restricted Expense	\$	\$ 1,597.03		
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 4,108.44	\$ 104,872.36	\$ 145,811.44	71.92%

Save Your Cancelled Stamps, Card Fronts, Ribbons, Wrappings

Freddy Holden is making her annual appeal for everyone to save their cancelled stamps (domestic or foreign) leaving enough paper around the stamp so that they can be neatly trimmed. She also asks that you save the fronts of any used greeting cards, Christmas or otherwise, plus scraps of ribbon and gift wrapping paper. The stamps are given to charitable organizations and the greeting cards, ribbon and wrapping paper are recycled into new cards. You may leave your stamps, card fronts, etc. in an envelope or a clear plastic bag at the rear of the church or hand them directly to Freddy after the services on any Sunday. Thank you!



Christian Symbol: Rose

This flower, often shown as stylized artwork, is a symbol for Advent, the promise of the Messiah and Jesus' nativity. A white rose represents the Virgin Mary, and a red rose stands for martyrs. A wreath of roses symbolizes heavenly joy.



Christmas Tea Final Countdown & Schedule

St. Luke's annual **Christmas Tea & Sale** will take place on Saturday, **December 1** from **11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** in **Willard Hall**. Always a fun activity and a great prelude to the holiday season, we rely on our fellow parishioners to help make this a successful fundraising event. If you haven't signed up on the list at the back of the church or been personally contacted to help, we still would gratefully receive any donations of homemade cookies, tea sandwiches and other Christmas goodies for the tea buffet table, as well as specialty "baked goods and jams/relished/pickles, etc." for the *Holiday Food Table*. Items for *Grandma's Attic*, costume jewelry*, and contributions of handcrafted items are welcome. Bring items on either Friday afternoon or early Saturday morning of the Tea. (See schedule below.)

If you have additional questions or wish to volunteer your help, please call **Adelaide Johnson (875-4634)** or **Pat Fromberger (875-3548)**. Finally, do come to this fun event and invite your friends and neighbors as well!

☞ All donated supplies and items for the sale should be brought to Willard Hall on either of the following days:

Friday Afternoon, November 30, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. OR
Saturday Morning, December 1, between 9:00-10:00 a.m.

* Check Your Jewelry Boxes & Drawers

Do you have jewelry you no longer wear, but that someone else might be delighted with? We hope to expand our jewelry sales at the *Christmas Tea & Sale*, on Dec. 1st and seek donations of good costume jewelry. A collection box has been placed in Willard Hall for your contributions. Or bring them to Willard Hall on one of the days listed above. Many thanks! —**Adelaide & Pat**



Springfield Chorus Christmas Concert

You are invited to a Christmas Concert, "*An A Cappella Christmas*," (An Evening of A Cappella Carols & Holiday Favorites, Director, Ken Olsson) on Saturday, **December 1, 7:30p.m.** at the **First Baptist Church** in Chester and Sunday, **December 2, 3:00 p.m.** at the **Congregational Church (UCC)** in Springfield. There is no charge; a freewill offering will be taken.

Come Join Us In Prayer On December 10th

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 **December 10**. All are welcome to attend. For prayer requests or any questions, email Sara Gagnon at pinkpsyche@live.com

"O music...thou hast taught us to see with our ears and hear with our hearts."
 —*Kahlil Gibran*



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:**

Sundays, **9:00AM** in the church sanctuary. New members are welcomed! Please speak to Martha Stretton, if you have an interest.

LESS THAN WEEKLY

• **Christmas Tea Set-Up Session:**

Friday, **November 30th, 1:00-3:00PM** in Willard Hall. Setting up tables, marking prices, etc. All helping hands are welcomed.

• **Christmas Tea & Sale:**

Saturday, **December 1st, 11:00AM-3:00PM** in Willard Hall. Invite your family and friends for this special day of fellowship, fun, good eating, handmade crafts and other great gift-giving items. See article on pages 1 & 7 for details and be sure to come and support this fundraising event for St. Luke's.

• **Reception for Interim Rector:**

Sunday, **December 2**, following the 10:00AM service in Willard Hall. Do come and join us giving The Rev. Carole Wageman a warm welcome to St. Luke's.

• **The United in Prayer Group:**

Monday, **December 10th, 6:30PM**, in Willard Hall. All are welcome to attend. For prayer requests or any questions, email Sara Gagnon at pinkpsyche@live.com.

• **Worship Committee Meeting:**

Sunday, **December 16, 9:15AM** in Willard Hall between the services. We'll be discussing plans for upcoming seasons of Epiphany and Lent.

• **Vestry Meeting/Get-together:**

Wednesday, **December 19th, 6:00PM** at Bill Hoyt's in Weston. A short business meeting to approve the 2013 budget followed by our end of year Christmas gathering & fellowship.

DECEMBER **CELEBRATIONS**

Birthdays:

2	Andrew Pennell	24	Noah Jones
5	Ellie Pennell	26	Alyce Meyer-Fielder
7	Janice Fielder	26	Sanford Johnson
7	Bonnie Watters	27	Karen Langston
11	Ian Montgomery	27	John Leader
14	Alison DesLauriers	27	Casie Walton
17	Brad Dunbar	27	Cindy Roundy-Winston
20	Tom Widger	28	Jill Dowd
22	Michael Fromberger	28	Mary Pill

Anniversaries:

13 Bill & Nancy Lindsay

January LITS Deadline:

 **DEC. 14th**

Send articles, announcements,
photos, etc. to: Pat Fromberger,
180 Gates Rd.,
Andover, VT 05143
email: panjoe@vermontel.net

**“St. Luke’s
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deepening faith
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

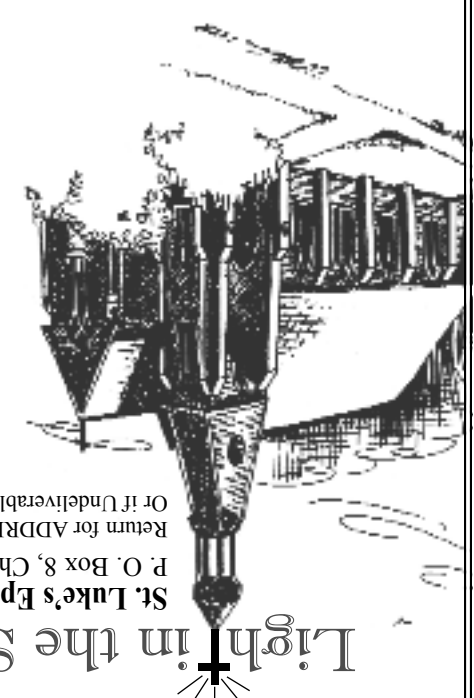
Dec. 2	ADVENT I
8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Dec. 9	ADVENT II
8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Dec. 16	ADVENT III
8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Church Greening)
4:00 PM	Lessons & Carols (Potluck Supper following)
Dec. 23	ADVENT IV
8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Dec. 24	EVE OF THE NATIVITY
6:30 P.M.	Carol Singing
7:00 PM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Dec. 25	CHRISTMAS DAY
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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