



Light in the Shadows

FEBRUARY 2013

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

Reflections On The Season Of Lent



Recently I overheard someone mention their struggle with the spirituality of repentance in relation to sin. As we approach the liturgical season of Lent, "sin" and "repentance" come front and center in our prayers and personal practices. People have a lot of trouble with the idea of "sin" because it so easily brushes up against an innate sense of guilt and the feeling that we can

somehow never be good enough when really we might feel we are doing the best that we can. Why is it that we so quickly go down the road of guilt as though we are dusted with original evil at our birth? Why is it so difficult to stop and accept the love of God for what it is—restoring, redeeming and transforming.

The original Hebrew word for sin is "*Chet*" and provides quite an interesting perspective. This word refers to "missing the mark" as in aiming at a target and missing the

bulls-eye. If you were an archer, what would you do if you missed a target? You'd stop what you were doing, adjust your stance and direction, weigh the factors that might be getting in the way, focus—concentrate—take another careful aim and try again. And you would keep trying until you figured out how to come closer to the mark. Does your inability to hit the mark right away or all the time make you a bad person?

*"For in God's arms
of compassion,
forgiveness and
grace is where we
truly belong and
Jesus always
points us in that
direction."*

—Rev. Carole Wagemen

Our Catechism defines sin as "...the seeking of our own will instead of the will of God, thus distorting our relationship with God, with other people, and with all creation." (Book of Common Prayer, page 848). Seeking our own will instead of the will of God is a sure way to "miss the mark" of what God intends for us. True, we are responsible for how we aim but we shouldn't stop there as though that is all there is. God always calls us back to



(photos courtesy of Rudy Winston)

St. Luke's Ministry Discernment Team Commissioned

On Sunday, January 6, Lynn Bates, Diocesan Canon to the Ordinary and Transition Minister, officially commissioned St. Luke's Ministry Discernment Team (MDC) during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. That this event took place on the Epiphany of Our Lord, seems most appropriate as the MDC members were revealed to the faith community. A brief ceremony followed the sermon at which time Rev. Carole presented the team to the congregation. Canon Bates then asked this question: "Are these persons whom you present prepared by a commitment to Christ, by regular attendance at worship, and by commitment to this responsibility to exercise their ministry to the honor of God and the well being of God's Church?" and Rev. Carole replied, "I believe they are." Canon Bates then addressed the team members and asked, "To you who have been called to serve on the Ministry Discernment Committee in this congregation, as long as you are engaged in this work, will you perform it with diligence, love, and patience?" To which they replied they would. Then the entire congregation repeated this antiphon, "You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servants whom I have chosen." Thanks and prayers followed. Canon Bates then faced each member, individually addressing them by name saying, "In the Name of God and of the congregation of St. Luke's Church, I commission you as a member of the Ministry Discernment Committee for this congregation. The ceremony ended with

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From the Senior Warden

I Have a New Home



The boxes aren't yet unpacked, and the contractors have barely begun their work on my new house. Most of the painting is complete, though, and I'm already mentally moving in. While I have loved my apartment for six years and didn't think that I was unhappy, my spirits have lifted so much

since buying this little house that I realize that something there must have been missing. I feel the same way about Pastor Carole's arrival. My spirits are lighter now and I find myself smiling when I arrive for Sunday services, just feeling happy to have her with us, guiding us and teaching us.

The work of the new Ministry Discernment Committee (MDC) has begun in earnest. Because I am both your Senior Warden and a member of that committee, I will be able to communicate to you about their work going forward. The MDC will first create a parish profile – no small task, so that we can present an accurate picture of St. Luke's for the candidates who indicate interest in becoming our new Rector. Do you have anything you specifically think should be included in the profile? Talk to me or any other member of the committee, as we're actively seeking input from the entire parish.

Finally, it's nearly Lent, which I dread. But I'm looking forward to the wonderful Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner at St. Luke's that precedes it. It's a time for good fellowship and a great meal, tasty sausage and big, fluffy pancakes served hot off the griddle, and I hope that you will make a point of attending.

*Blessings to all,
Kathryn*



Nature's Snowy Adornment

On Sunday, December 30, as I was leaving the church, I happened to glance over at the St. Francis statue keeping vigil over St. Luke's snowy Memorial Garden. Luckily, I had my camera with me and captured nature's artfully draped scarf and hat. —**Pat Fromberger**

Reflections On The Season...

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try again. I like to think that God might be more interested in seeing us turn back to be restored to his abundant love rather than leaving us to wallow in our aloneness of believing we are so unworthy, when truthfully, we are not unworthy. Christ's death on the cross for each one of us demonstrated that. We might be doing our very best under the circumstances and just need to aim a bit better at the target.

Is this making a "feel good moment" out of the serious business of sin and repentance? Is this "dumbing down" the penitential nature of Lent? I hope not. I don't think so. Why even have the theology of sin and repentance, if not to help us realize our dependence and trust in God alone. For in God's arms of compassion, forgiveness and grace is where we truly belong and Jesus always points us in that direction.

During this holy and sacred season of Lent, I invite you to enhance your spiritual "archery skills" through faithful prayer, stimulating study and engaging conversation as you walk beside Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem and the challenge that met him there.

*Blessings,
Rev. Carole+*



St. Luke's Financial Information

	<u>Dec. 2012</u>	<u>Jan.-Dec. 2012</u>	<u>2012 Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Plate/Pledge Income	\$ 10,783.00	\$ 113,699.87	\$ 111,100.00	102.31%
Other Oper. Income	\$ 8,236.77	\$ 26,097.53	\$ 21,864.00	119.36%
Restricted Income	\$ 684.65	\$ 2,911.65		
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 19,704.42	\$ 142,679.05	\$ 132,964.00	107.31%
Operating Expense	\$ 20,762.14	\$ 127,354.88	\$ 145,811.44	87.34%
Restricted Expense	\$ 1,360.33	\$ 2,957.36		
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 22,122.47	\$ 130,312.24	\$ 145,811.44	89.37%

When you review the Annual Report you will see that while pledges did not make budget by over \$7,000, prior year pledges and plate offerings more than made up the shortfall. With total giving more than budgeted and salary expenses decreased due to Paul's retirement, it was unnecessary to withdraw money from the Vanguard accounts to support our operations this year. Looking ahead to 2013 if income remains at current levels we should be able to increase our reserves in case of future shortfalls. Thank you all for a good financial year.

—**The Finance Committee**

"All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt." —**Charles M. Schulz**

Formation Ideas To Stretch Your Spiritual Self

Here are a few online formation resources I recommend you check out—**Rev. Carole+**

“Lenten Madness” <http://www.lentmadness.org/>

If you enjoy a bit of daring during Lent as well as some serious education about the holy men and women in our faith tradition, sign up for this annual daily Lenten tradition. “The format is straightforward: 32 saints are placed into a tournament-like single elimination bracket. Each pairing remains open for a set period of time and people vote for their favorite saint. 16 saints make it to the Round of the Saintly Sixteen; eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the coveted Golden Halo. The first round consists of basic biographical information about each of the 32 saints. Things get a bit more interesting in the subsequent rounds as we offer quotes and quirks, explore legends, and even move into the area of saintly kitsch.” I highly recommend this site not only because it is solid learning, but also because it is just plain fun...and who couldn’t use a few chuckles along the way.

“Building Faith” <http://www.buildfaith.org/>

An on-line community for Christian education and faith formation leaders. Clergy and lay professionals and church volunteers from different denominations can share knowledge and best practices, offering each other encouragement and practical tools. Content is both original and collected from other respected blogs and websites; consistently maintained and updated, with content that is relevant, engaging and accurate. Offers diverse, inclusive, respectful, ecumenical and positive reflections related to Christian formation. Moderated by Sharon Ely Pearson, M.A.C.E., who is widely respected in the areas of religious education and faith formation. Currently, she serves as the Christian Formation Specialist for Church Publishing Incorporated, providing training, resources and consultations to churches throughout the United States.

“Forward Day By Day”

<http://prayer.forwardmovement.org/>

This site provides access to an electronic version of our daily *Forward Day By Day* meditations. But did you know this site also offers Daily Readings and Prayer, Daily Devotions as well as Prayers & Thanksgivings and Prayer Requests? It is a rich resource for daily devotional practice.

Lenten Hope

Lent is an occasion for us to journey with Christ...into tomorrow. For you never walk with Christ long but what the dawn breaks, the sun shines and hope breaks through.

—C. Neil Straight

Ministry Discernment Team Commissioned

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the newly commissioned team reciting the following prayer:

Eternal Light, shine in our hearts.
Eternal Power, be our strength.
Eternal Wisdom, guide us as we serve you.
Eternal Goodness, you have drawn us to your heart
and united us in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body
and Blood.
Now grant that with all our heart, and mind, and
strength,
We may evermore seek your face.
And finally, by your infinite love,
Keep us in your holy presence,
As we begin this phase of our discernment process
Through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. *Amen.*



MDC Team L-R: Peter Rosengarten, Sara Gagnon, Belinda Whipple-Worth, John Hoover, Kathryn Wright, John DesLauriers and Lew Watters. Missing from photo are Bill Hoyt, Marcia Leader & Lillian Willis.

The Vestry and the newly commissioned MDC team met jointly with Canon Bates following coffee hour. Senior Warden, Kathryn Wright, proposed that **Lew Watters** be chair of the MDC, and there was universal approval. Canon Bates, through discussion and a PowerPoint presentation, reviewed the process, duties and Vestry charge to the MDC.

A new discernment page has been added to the church website. On January 20 the MDC held their first meeting in the Atrium classroom. Their **Next Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday, **February 24**, when Lynn Bates will assist them in discerning our individual gifts. A special bulletin board in Willard Hall is planned to keep everyone informed, including minutes from meetings of the committees.

“If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome.” —Anne Bradstreet

2013 LEGO Contest Will Be Held On March 2

When winter weather lures people indoors and school vacations and national holidays present extra time for creative projects, students are encouraged to work on their entries for the **2013 LEGO Contest**. This event is open to the public and will be held on Saturday **March 2, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** in Willard Hall. The \$5 pre-registration discount deadline is February 26.

LEGOmaniacs Pre-K through Grade 8 and families are invited to enter and display their original creations (no kits are allowed) for others to admire. Entries should be constructed at home, brought to Willard Hall, and set up in a space of approximately 18 x 30 inches from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. on the day of the contest. Entries will be judged in different grade categories from 10:00 a.m. to noon for their originality, imagination, and presentation. If a structure is a team entry, the age of the oldest member will determine the grade category. There is also a separate family team class when adults and children have collaborated.

At 12:15 p.m. LEGO prizes will be awarded to the winners and runners-up in the grade and family team divisions, with special awards for the Judges' Choice for Best in Show and Most Vermont creations. While the judging is going on, participants will have the chance to check out the other fabulous entries and to share techniques and ideas with the other exhibitors. Refreshments will be on sale to encourage people to stay and view the different entries.



Participants should pre-register by February 26 to be assured of a space. Entry forms may be downloaded from www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org. Printed forms are available at the Whiting Library on Main Street in Chester. A check for the pre-registration fee of \$10 per entry should be made out to "St. Luke's Church" with a footnote, "Lego Contest" and mailed, along with the registration form, to the registrar, **Lillian Willis, P. O. Box 318, Chester, VT 05143**. Both the entry form and fee must be received by February 26 in order to reserve a space. Entries the day of the contest will be \$15, if there is space; but to avoid disappointment, pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

A portion of the proceeds from the program will go to the Children's Library at the Whiting Library. For additional information, please call Lillian Willis at 802-875-1340 or email lbwillisct@comcast.net.

5th Annual Maple Fest Dinner & Raffle on March 16

The **5th Annual Maple Fest Dinner & Raffle** will be held Saturday, **March 16, 6:00 p.m.** in Willard Hall. Everything on the menu has a "taste" of maple syrup as an ingredient. The guests will feast on roast turkey breast, cranberry sauce, mixed carrots, baked beans, crucifer salad, muffins plus a variety of desserts including: coconut, pecan, & apple pies; chocolate, carrot, white cakes, and much more. Seating is limited so reservations are advised (call the Harrison's at 875-2784.) Cost is \$10 for adults/\$5 for children.



In addition to the dinner there will be the popular raffle of assorted items. Every year the raffle grows into a more exciting event with an amazing assortment of items to bid on. \$5 buys 6 tickets and participants choose which treasures they hope to win. Winners are announced immediately following dinner. The raffle's success depends on donations from parishioners. If you have some extra Christmas gifts you will not use, why not donate them to the raffle! We're not fussy and will accept just about anything. Contact any member of the PINS committee (Jane Davis, Norm & Ruth Harrison, Sally Hoover, Dee Robinson, Eileen Widger, Cindy Roundy-Winston, Kathryn Wright or Marcia Clinton) to discuss your donations. We thank you in advance.

The Maple Fest Dinner is the annual fund raiser for **PINS (Partners in Service)** of which St. Luke's Church is a participant. The mission of the PINS program is to bring together faith communities with human service agencies. The program promotes the resiliency and success of children and youth who have been the victims of abuse and neglect. This program allows social workers and other staff to voice the needs of the children in their caseloads, needs that would otherwise go unheard and unmet. In the past year St. Luke's Church has gathered together necessary items for foster children attending summer camp, donated over 40 backpacks full of back-to-school items that were distributed through social services and assisted a foster girl to attend the People to People Ambassador Leadership program in Washington D.C. this coming summer.

On the evening of the dinner we will need some volunteers to wait tables, work in the kitchen, and for clean-up. We will also need a few bakers to make the desserts from recipes we have chosen. Please contact **Marcia Clinton** at **875-3531** if you can help out. When everyone pitches in it makes for light work and a lot more fun.

"Faith is a living and unshakable confidence, a belief in the grace of God so assured that a man would die a thousand deaths for its sake." —Martin Luther

A St. Luke's Profile: A Rose By Any Other Name...

My favorite interaction with Rose Fisher was New Year's Eve, December 31, 2012. We were not at a party, but a celebration of sorts—the evening Jesus was named. Present was the celebrant, Father Sanford, Rose, Lew and me. Mike Saul joined us at the Altar for communion. Afterwards we hugged realizing how special it was and then dutifully moved the poinsettias to Willard Hall by a human chain. Mind you, Rose has been in our midst, thanks to Bonnie and Sanford. It is time for us to know more about this wonder Rose!

Rose was born on August 31, 1935 in Keene, New Hampshire. An only child, she was constantly with her parents spending evenings and weekends exploring local mines and assisting her father in his contracting business. That she excelled in science is no surprise. Her accomplishment was top winner in the Science Fair not only in her high school, but in the state and in New England on atomic energy, no less! Besides her penchant for minerals and energy, Rose played tenor saxophone in the All-State and All-New England bands; however, she could play all the instruments.

Off to college she goes with her musical talent and firsthand science experience. She worked on her bachelor's degree first at Keene State College then Boston University where she was in the band, chorus and was also an orchestra conductor and piano accompanist. She then returned to Keene State to finish her degree and graduate. Back in Keene, she was Organist at the Marlboro Federated Church and Conductor of the Peterboro Concert/Marching Band and Choir Director at the Unitarian Church. Too, she sang with the Madrigal Singers of Marlboro Music College in VT. She continued her graduate studies in advanced music education and postgraduate studies in earth science at Columbia University.

Her career was as varied as her education, and she soared. Besides being a music educator in the Walpole, NH schools, she worked as an account executive and traffic manager for TV Channel 32; electromechanical engineer for Honeywell; general manager of NSEC, a construction company in Dublin, NH, and finally public relations and manufacturing specialist and the founding member of (Association for Operations Management) Monadnock Chapter of the APICS Chairman of the International Membership and Chapter Development program. And you, like me, thought she was the quiet, demure person! Rose, simply, is humble.

She met and married Warren Fisher in 1960 to whom



(photo courtesy Rudy Winston)

she was happily married for 46 years. They collected minerals all over the country, Canada and Mexico. Together they traveled extensively with APICS and attended mineral sales shows in the southwest and Canada. I bet Rose would love to tag along in our luggage with us to Tucson where the annual gem show is on in February, but she is heading to Hawaii with the Johnsons. The Fisher's daughter Andrea, affectionately Andy, like mom is a journeyman and shop foreman, underwater rescue diver, educator, certified firefighter II, following in her parents' path as an avid outdoors enthusiast. Rose and Warren were founders and owners of Crystal Cache Minerals (CCM), a retail gem and mineral business. Today Andy is an assistant, and

she and mom participate in about a dozen shows a year throughout the New England area.

Rose loves walking in the woods when she isn't fishing or hunting. If she has to be at home, she loves listening to her music and both flower and vegetable gardening. We can be overjoyed that Sanford and Bonnie told Rose some three years ago, that St. Luke's was a beautiful house of worship where she could experience music, worship and fellowship. She wants to continue to be a part of and contribute to the spiritual life and compassion of the St. Luke's family. She would love to contribute by playing music but a stroke in 2001 severely handicapped her ability to play instruments.

Like many of us, Rose would love to motivate young people to become involved in activities of the church which will support theirs (and our) spiritual growth based on a strong foundation of faith and community. She hopes for adult Christian education opportunities that suit her long commute to worship where she is happy and comfortable. We will certainly formally honor Rose this spring with our newcomers' event. Play the trumpets. It's about time!

—Bonnie Watters

MARCH LITS Deadline:
 **FEBRUARY 15th**



Send all articles, announcements,
photos, etc. to:

Pat Fromberger, 180 Gates Rd.,
Andover, VT 05143

email: panjoe@vermontel.net

The Outreach Corner

Operation Christmas Child

There are lots of ways that everyone can become involved in *Operation Christmas Child*. The first way is to pray...pray for us, the volunteers, and for the children and their families our shoeboxes are going to! Another easy way to get involved in OCC is to save your church bulletins, (we make matching games out of them), and save us recyclable items we can use to make games and toys. Right now, we can use a lot of covers of every size, shape and color. Flexible yogurt, oatmeal, coffee can covers are especially needed as we have already run out of them and now have over 200 crocheted rings ready to go inside boxes. Also save all kinds and sizes of buttons for our OCC projects. Thank you for all of the recyclable items—PLEASE keep them coming! Thanks to you, we will have lots of home-made toys and games to put in the boxes that cost only pennies to make.

Our first **OCC Workshop** will be held on Friday **February 15** from **2:00-7:00 p.m.** in Willard Hall. We will be working on making necklaces, tops, cars, and decorating boxes. Please join us for a few minutes, an hour, or more. Refreshments will be available.

Four hundred shoe boxes is the goal this year! We will need \$2,800 for the shipping of these boxes. The "Change For Children" jar is on the table next to the mail boxes in Willard Hall. Two cents a day saved over a year will equal the shipping of one box. Please consider donating some of your spare change to help us meet this goal. In 2012, our shoe boxes went to the Ukraine, Madagascar, and Ghana.

Knit-A-Square

Please consider knitting or crocheting 8-inch squares to be made into blankets for children with AIDS in Africa. They are collecting the squares and making the blankets all year round. Knit-A-Square thanks you!

Pine Ridge Reservation

I invite you to join me in sewing pajamas for the kids on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. They are looking for sizes 2 to adult. The Pine Ridge Reservation is huge with over 40,000 people and their needs are immense. Families there struggle with 80% unemployment, extreme weather conditions, and dire poverty. See me if you need patterns or more information.—Cindy

Remember Our Soldiers

Please remember our soldiers and write a card to make their day special. They especially LOVE pictures from kids! There are plenty of blank cards in Willard Hall. It takes only a moment or two to sign a card that helps a soldier transition back home.

Mitten Basket Thank You

Thank you to all who contributed to the **Mitten Basket** in 2012. A total of 40 pairs of mittens and 5 hats were divided and distributed to the Chester/Andover School and the Grafton School. This was the final year for this ministry as interest and need has waned in recent years. Those persons who still wish to share their knitting talents are encouraged to take part in the Knit-A-Square Ministry (see note above.)

Outreach Committee Update

The Outreach Committee met between services on January 13 with Marcia Clinton, Norm Harrison, Kathryn Wright, Cindy Roundy-Winston, Fr. Johnson, Rev. Carole, Dee Robinson and Don Robinson participating. Time was spent reviewing the correspondence that had been received since our last meeting. There were a good number of requests for funds and a number of thank you letters for our 2012 funds. The thank you notes can be found posted on the bulletin board in Willard Hall. The letter that was sent to the recipients invited them to speak directly to all at St. Luke's and to this point we have three who have replied that they would be happy to speak: Habitat for Humanity, Chester Andover Community Cares and CHABHA. More details to follow. There was discussion about 2013 fund allocation and lacking any additional input it has been tentatively decided to support the same organizations that we did in 2012. This is another invitation to all to make suggestions for change(s) as the operative

word is "tentative." The Bennington Area Habitat for Humanity has a great website (www.benningtonareahabitat.com) that shows their activity. There is an opportunity to participate in the current building project. Anyone interested? See Bill Hoyt or Don Robinson. The next meeting of the Outreach Committee is scheduled for Sunday, **March 10** between services. Hope to see you there!—Don Robinson



Christmas Thanks

Bonnie and I want to express our thanks and appreciation to everyone in the parish who offered us Christmas gifts, to those who contributed to the check which we received, and to those who gave us gifts of food and goodies. We are indeed truly blessed to be a part of the life of a parish where the members care for each other deeply, and where people reach out to the needs of others. St. Luke's is indeed a place where the love of Christ shines forth! Thanks be to God.—Blessings, Fr. Sanford

The Pancake Supper Squad Ready To Go!



A favorite traditional celebration of ours is St. Luke's **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**. It is a celebrative collaboration the night before Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of Lent. The dinner in Willard Hall this year beginning at **5:30 p.m.** on Tuesday, **February 12th** will be more collaborative than usual as the Watters will be in the Southwest and the pancake queen won't be battering it up. But there is an able squad led by **John DesLauriers**, the grill-master king of flipping pancakes, dogs and

burgs, along with **Kathryn Wright, Janet & Richard Hunter, Norman & Ruth Harrison, Cindy Roundy-Winston** and **Sara Gagnon**. You all know what you are doing, and we appreciate your stepping up to do what you do well. Everyone contributes to the fresh fruit salad bowl, so leave behind your canned or fresh fruit the Sunday before (February 10) so the preparers can assemble this tasty centerpiece. A free-will offering is taken for *Episcopal Relief & Development*. Thanks to technology and Lew's new laptop, we will send out a press release from Arizona. Always think of this event as one to invite friends and remember to sign up. Oh, and enjoy an extra serving for us!

—*Bonnie Watters*

A Thank You From St. Luke's Choir

The choir and I wish to express our thanks and gratitude to Bill Hoyt for his generous donation of additional lights behind the choir loft. They are helpful all the time, but especially at evening services. A thank you also to Richard Crocker and Andrew Pennell, Junior Wardens, for arranging to have the lighting installed so quickly.

—*Martha Stretton*

Risking Love

To love is to risk not being loved in return. To hope is to risk pain. To try is to risk failure, but risk must be taken because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing. Love comes to those who still hope even though they've been disappointed, to those who still believe even though they've been betrayed, to those who still love even though they've been hurt before.

—*Author Unknown*

2013 Lenten Ecumenical Services

The Chester Ministerium extends a warm invitation to everyone in Chester and the surrounding communities to join their Brothers and Sisters in Christ for a series of Lenten Worship Services on **Wednesday Evenings** beginning at **7:00 p.m.** "*The Parables of Jesus*," the theme for this year's Series, promises to be a message of encouragement at just the right time. Mark the dates on your calendar and join us! A free-will offering will be received during each service to allow the Chester Ministerium to continue to be a blessing to our community. Fellowship & Refreshments immediately following each service. The worship service dates are as follows:

Feb. 20—Renewed Life In Jesus Church
Feb. 27—Andover Community Church
Mar. 6—Chester Congregational Church
Mar. 13—Chester Baptist Church
Mar. 20—St. Luke's Episcopal Church



WEEKLY

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

7:30AM Intercessory Prayer

8:30AM Holy Eucharist in Willard Hall.

• **St. Luke's Choir Rehearsal:**

Sundays, **9:150AM** in Willard Hall during the winter months. New members are welcomed! Please speak to Martha Stretton, if you have an interest.

LESS THAN WEEKLY

• **The United in Prayer Group:**

Monday, **February 4th, 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:**

Monday, **February 11th, 6:30PM** in Willard Hall. We begin with a short Bible Study from the *Forward Day By Day* scripture reading for this date. Focus of the meeting will be on "Maintenance". All parishioners are welcome.

• **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper:**

Tuesday, **February 12, 5:30PM** in Willard Hall. See article at top of this page for details.

• **Ash Wednesday Eucharists:**

Wednesday, **February 13, at 8:00AM & 6:30PM** in Willard Hall. Imposition of Ashes and the Penitential Order of Holy Eucharist.

• **Operation Christmas Workshop:**

Friday **February 15, at 2:00-7:00PM** in Willard Hall. We will be working on necklaces, toys, decorating boxes & more. Refreshments. Please come join us. See article on page 6 for details.

• **Lenten Ecumenical Services:**

Wednesdays, **February 20, 27; March 6, 13, & 20 at 7:00PM**. The theme is "The Parable of Jesus". A flyer with complete information has been posted in church. (See details at left.)

SAVE THE DATE:

• **LEGO Contest:**

Saturday, **March 2, 9:00AM-12:30PM** in Willard Hall. Read the complete detail on page 4.



FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS



Birthdays:

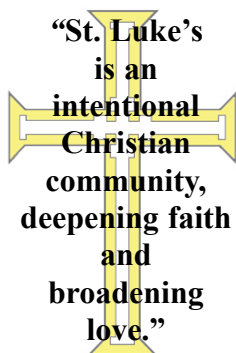
4	Pat Fromberger	17	Marjorie DesLauriers
6	Harold (Red) Johnson	20	Altanai Roundy-Winston
10	Mary Anderson	23	Fred Fielder
10	Field Willis	26	Jody Andreoletti
12	Leigh Dakin	27	Brent Andreoletti
10	Ed Wageman		

Anniversaries:

12	Bob & Linda Bazin
12	Brad & Bev Dunbar

Special February Dates:

- African-American History Month
- Boy Scout Sunday, Feb. 3
- Transfiguration of Our Lord, Feb. 10
- Ash Wednesday, February 13
- First Sunday in Lent, Feb. 17
- Valentine's Day, February 14
- Presidents Day, February 18



✠ WORSHIP SCHEDULE ✠

Feb. 3 EPIPHANY IV

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

Feb. 10 LAST EPIPHANY

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

Feb. 13 ASH WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Imposition of Ashes
6:30 PM	Holy Eucharist, Imposition of Ashes

Feb. 17 LENT I

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

Feb. 24 LENT II

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

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

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The Rev. Sanford R. Johnson, Priest Associate
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