



JULY 2013

Light in the Shadows

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

Visions Emerge



For anyone who enjoys doing jig-saw puzzles, it can seem pretty daunting to spill out the pieces across your work space and face a jumble of color, shapes and patterns none of which make any sense as you begin. With a little patience and time, the individual bits become clusters and the clusters become something recognizable: a flower here, an animal there, a river bed filled with jumbled rocks. Details that went unnoticed before suddenly become part of a whole but now with new awareness and clarity. At some point, finishing the puzzle takes on a sense of new life and energy because there is now a direction and sense of precision of where the remaining pieces belong. But until you reach that point, you have to simply trust that what is being created will actually look like the picture on the box at some point.

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—Rev. Carole Wageman

to do with this information? These seem to be disparate pieces that make no sense!

Well, we are working out the picture that God has been developing at St. Luke's since its formation back in the 1800s. Like a jig-saw puzzle in its early stages, some things are beginning to emerge. Have you spent any time praying with the sticky notes displayed on the boards from our History Night so they might "speak" to you? If not, consider these sticky notes as invitations to take a wider look at God's larger vision at work in our midst.*

What patterns do you see? What clusters emerge? Where are there consistencies or inconsistencies? Are there



Pictured above L-R: Bishop Thomas C. Ely, Rudy Winston (newly confirmed), his beaming wife, Cindy and St. Luke's Interim Rector, Carole Wageman.

Bishop Ely's Annual Visit

Even though we knew how the story would end about the chess playing boy and his teaching grandfather, the beautiful sermon of Bishop Thomas Ely, we were not so sure about the weather. Ironically the Bishop graciously assisted Lew in putting up the canopy so that rain or shine, we could have our annual celebration meal on the lawn. Richard Crocker was a tremendous help setting up too. It might have been the Bishop's presence or just the St. Luke's God-filled day, but everything turned out perfectly.

The Bishop beautifully consummated Rudy Winston's journey to confirmation. We were all so proud of him this day, but Cindy was full of joy. Martha, Bonnie Johnson and the choir were at their very best. The service went perfectly and Bishop Ely could see the congregation is in able hands and a good pastoral place being nurtured by Pastor Carole (assisted by Father Sanford) while we search for the new

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From the Senior Warden

“Water for Our Thirsty Spirits”

This year the Vestry’s Annual Retreat was significantly different than those in the recent past, as we weren’t writing statements of purpose or mission statements. Instead of taking care of vestry business, we focused instead on our individual spiritual needs. Held at Bill and Julie Hoyt’s home in Weston on June 7 and 8, it was the perfect setting for the spiritual nourishment that we were seeking from the weekend. The theme of the retreat was “Water for Thirsty Spirits”, and we were, indeed, hopeful and thirsty when we arrived.



Friday night we focused on fellowship, sharing a turkey dinner and a pleasant evening filled with laughter and lively conversation. Saturday morning we arrived early enough to share breakfast, and then Carole led us in Morning Prayer.

Catherine Joanne of St. Joseph’s Dwelling Place in Ludlow was our facilitator on Saturday, and she was wonderful. She was calm and upbeat and had a beautiful singing voice that she accompanied on her guitar. She sang prayers to us and taught us songs. (She also, unfortunately, had a terrible allergy to dogs, which made it a little difficult when Bill’s three friendly dogs got in the middle of the group.) At one point we moved to isolated chairs to read and ponder the story of the Samaritan woman at the well, who quenched Jesus’ thirst with a cup of water. We talked about our individual thirsty spirits and talked about how God might also be thirsting for us.

We agreed that the retreat was an unqualified success, and left feeling closer to one another and to God. Would such a retreat be beneficial for the whole congregation? Speak to a member of the vestry if you’d be interested in participating.

*God’s Blessings,
Kathryn*

August LITS Deadline:

☛ **JULY 26th**

Send articles, photos, etc. to:

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Visions Emerge

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any threads that seem to quietly travel in some fashion year after year? Are there things missing that surprise you? Are there things present that enlighten you?

I see patterns that speak to me, but I know there are others who have begun to see different things emerge as well. Take a peek, pray about them and see what surfaces for you. Share those observations with the Ministry Discernment Committee. It helps them develop a greater awareness of the overall picture of God’s Dream that is taking shape as they build the parish portfolio.

God’s Dream sometimes comes in puzzling packages. July 21st is the day that we bid a fond farewell to our beloved Musician and Choir Director, Dr. Martha Stretton, who will complete her musical ministry among us on that Sunday. Martha’s deep spirituality is the gift that keeps on giving and has found expression in St. Luke’s music for a number of years. While Martha will continue to worship and maintain her membership at St. Luke’s, her new part-time position as musician at the Congregational Church in Springfield will offer her opportunities to grow and stretch musically as well as continuing to explore God’s call to her as a Christian and a Musician. Martha, we will miss you deeply, but we trust that God is leading you just as God leads each of us into richness of life when we follow where The Spirit leads.

Our celebration of ministry with Martha will take place on her last Sunday, July 21st following the 10:00 a.m. service. Please join us in expressing our gratitude and well wishes to Martha! (Watch for more details in the Sunday announcements about what is being planned.)

*Blessings,
Rev. Carole*

**Footnote: John Hoover has put together two compilations of these notes. One based on the decade represented and one based on the colors (focus themes) that were used. We will make these available on the back table.*



The Musician Search Committee Update

The Musician Search Committee (Jane Davis, David Willis, Sr., Kathryn Wright and the Rev. Carole Wageman) has been diligently at work and our position description is now being advertised in many places. Until the position is filled we will be using supply musicians as available. The committee will be keeping us up to date as more information is gathered; stay tuned.

Joint Meeting of MDC And Vestry Hosted By The Watters



The long planned joint meeting of Vestry and Ministry Discernment Committee members was held under cloudy skies and threatening thunderstorms on Tuesday, June 25 at the Watters' house. Ten undaunted and faithful leaders gathered together with Interim Rector Carole Wageman, our facilitator who graciously and skillfully stepped in for Ann Cooper. Ann was unable to lead us due to flooding in Addison County.

Following prayer, we opened with a group warm-up exercise by lining up in a continuum from "we are doing great" to "we need to do a lot of work." in response to a series of questions ranging from "loving our neighbor, striving for justice and peace, proclaiming the Word, continuing in the Apostle's teachings, and serving Christ." Our recording secretary Lillian Willis noted where we all stood for each statement.

Now stimulated, we broke for a delicious buffet served by Bonnie Watters. She had carefully gathered and faithfully prepared 8 recipes of renowned St. Luke's cooks who have gone to God. What a connection to our past to once again enjoy Chloe Price's *Minestra Soup*, Kathleen Whalen's *Chicken Enchiladas*, or Louise Park's *Fresh Apple Cake*. Imagine our having to choose from four other dishes. As Pastor Carole was to observe, there is a strong thread of feeding and being fed in our church.

Next came group sessions using the Diocesan guidelines for Calling New Clergy. Topics included: Who are we? What brought you to St. Luke's? What keeps you here? Who do we want to be? What ministries and programs would you like to see? What ones are a good match for us? What areas would we have to "stretch" to accomplish? Then finally we asked "what gifts and skills do we need—both from ourselves and from clergy—to get there?"

After closing prayers, we headed on our way having completed an awesome evening of fellowship and food. Our responses, like those of the History Night, will ultimately help us create an accurate picture of St. Luke's for prospective candidates who express interest in serving as our new rector.

Looking ahead, there will be a Congregational Appreciative Inquiry led by our Diocesan Companion, Ann Cooper. We hope to hold this final event in September. You can always learn more about our progress from any member of the search team, as well as on line on our church website and the newsletter, LITS.

—Your brother in Christ, Lew Watters, MDC Chairman

Bishop Ely's Annual Visit

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rector. Lew felt it such an honor to be serving the Chalice alongside all the clergy and the Bishop. Following worship came the recognition of those laity who serve with joy week after week: the choir, the acolytes and the altar guild.

And the best was last. **Adelaide Johnson** was named the recipient of this year's *Good and Faithful Servant Award*. A member of St. Luke's for fifteen years, Adelaide was recognized for her dedicated leadership as Directress of the Altar Guild for over 10 years and as the driving force behind the Annual Christmas Tea for the past twelve years. In addition, Adelaide volunteers weekly at the Chester/Andover Family Center and carries out lay pastoral ministry within the parish (visiting sick members and driving them to appointments, and such.) A beautiful, generous compassionate, and talented lady. We are so blessed!



Finally, the "Bish Bash" took to the lawn and Lew to the barbecue. In the excused absence of John DesLauriers, Tom Van Sant stepped up to man the second grill. All made and brought their favorite side dishes as promised. The food was easily served from the kitchen counter, and there were notable hits like Eileen Widger's potato salad, Kathryn's tortellini salad, Belinda's tossed green salad, and Silvio's carrot cake. Don't forget too the perfect dogs and burgers with all the trimmings. Bishop Tom visited around with parishioners, wished Martha well in her new musical journey, caught up on the progress of the MDC with Lew and thanked us for feeding him well. The three A's (Alexandra, Adelaide and Anita) with Eileen and the men folk did a banner job cleaning up. And the sun continued to shine brightly on St. Luke's.—Bonnie Watters

ST. LUKE'S 75TH AUGUST SUPPER

Saturday, August 3rd

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

FUN & FELLOWSHIP

Yes, this much anticipated event is now seventy-five years old! Thanks to the American Legion, the big tent is the centerpiece for celebrating food and fellowship annually at St. Luke's on the first Saturday in August, come rain or come shine. Children, old-timers, and visitors all love it. The St. Luke's adults share the joy of everyone working together for one of the great fun and fellowship days of the St. Luke's calendar. The teamwork is the hallmark. The children will tell you it is fun bussing or serving desserts and drinks to the guests, which brings smiles. For all of us, we can show off our cooking talents, practice our hospitality and give the community and those who return like the robin year after year a true gift. We offer a true gourmet banquet table. Ham, roast beef, turkey with potato salad, broccoli salad, coleslaw, jellied salads, cold soups, baked beans, pasta salads, fruit and tossed green salads, beverages and the finest fancy desserts from our kitchens. Food abounds aplenty.

The day starts with the men setting up after their breakfast, followed by the ladies cutting, chatting and setting up the tables, these team tasks being a perfect start of the big day. What a day! We have fun at this hard work. We make this a powerhouse event each summer because it is our major fundraiser for the year. The proceeds will help fund



our operating budget and make it possible for us to maintain our 10% outreach giving.

Do plan to come and bring visitors with you. Make it a family event. Buy surprise tickets for friends or co-workers. Ask your neighbors. There will be e-cards and snail mail event cards to spread the word. Know that the food is wonderful, the setting a lovely picture, and the silent auction a real bonus. Chairing the event, Bonnie is the planner and Kathryn is the executor on the day. Please use the **Enclosed Survey** (see page 5) to share your intentions to volunteer or provide what is needed or call **Kathryn at 463-1570** or **Bonnie at 875-2114**. We already have many key roles and items covered, so help us fill in the blanks. If we don't hear from you, you will surely get a call from Jane Davis. It is not too soon to call the Harrisons to make your reservations.



Where's Bud?

If you are wondering about our faithful friend who is not able to worship with us due to health issues, ask Pastor Carole, Senior Warden Kathryn Wright, vestry member Lynda Farmer, Red and Adelaide Johnson, Marcia Leader, or me. Over recent months we have all taken our turn to see that Bud has Communion, or is picked up and taken to nearby Springfield for a breakfast with the regulars at the Riverside. There Bud is able to connect with all his buddies who miss his familiar smile and banter. It reminds me of Men's Breakfast back in the 80's, as there was always a surprise visitor.

On the first weekend in June, I took Bud Watson, class of 1948, to celebrate 200 years of Kimball Union history in Meriden, NH. We had lunch and he caught up with private school chums. The school graciously provided us with a guide and golf cart so that Bud could be in the Grand Parade.

What is truly God's work is that all of us responded independently to Pastor Carole's observation that Bud missed his church friends and local buddies. You can view photos on our church server...<http://www.flickr.com/photos/stlukeschester/>

More photos of Bud are on the school photo server...<http://www.flickr.com/photos/kimballunionacademy/> —**Lew Watters** (Photo courtesy Lew Watters)



75th St. Luke's AUGUST SUPPER

Saturday, August 3, 2013 (7:30 a.m. to dusk)

NAME(S) _____

_____ Email _____

_____ Telephone _____

Return Survey to Watters by hand, mail,
email or call with info 875-2114.

HERE'S HOW I/WE WILL HELP:

_____ Men's Breakfast and Setup

_____ Ladies Chop and Chat

_____ Table Setting

_____ Napkin/Silverware Wrap

_____ Busser _____ Server _____ Runner

_____ Drinks _____ Hostess _____ Carver

_____ Dishwashing _____ Cleanup

TIME TABLE

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast

_____ Setup on Lawn, including tent

_____ Carvers/To be determined

10:00 a.m. - Noon Ladies Chop and Chat

Prepping Salads

Setting Tables

Making drinks

Floral work

4:00 p.m. Prepare banquet table

Sell and collect tickets

Servers/runners report.

4:30 p.m. guest seating begins

8:00 p.m. cleanup

I/WE WILL PROVIDE

_____ Donate a turkey _____ Roast It

_____ Donate \$ for hams _____ Roast

(Pickup meat from Lisa's 8/1)

_____ Financial Donation

_____ coleslaw

_____ fruit (canned and fresh)

_____ cold soup

_____ tossed salad ingredients

_____ pasta salad

(salads prepared to serve 20)

_____ desserts

_____ (specify)

_____ card table

_____ ice chest with ice

THE FACTS:

Seatings:

4:30, 5:45 and 7 p.m.

Tickets: adults \$12

children 6-10 \$6

RESERVATIONS: Harrisons

Call 875-2784

DONATIONS: N. Harrison (memo for supper)

534 Main St., Chester VT 05143

I/we will invite guests

_____ send ecard

_____ send postcards _____ (no.)

We plan to eat at _____

(“Staff” eats at 7 p.m.)

SPECIAL NOTES:

We are all set for callers, flowers and their arrangements, potato salad, baked beans, and broccoli salad. We have tablecloths and the salad and dessert operations have hostesses. We encourage children to participate to help with bussing and drinks. Bill Hoyt is setting up and overseeing the Silent Auction. Contact him to donate.

The Outreach Corner

Operation Christmas Child Monthly Update

Thank you so much for all the GREAT donations of covers, shoeboxes, and other recycleable items! ALL are very much appreciated! We can ALWAYS use every size, shape, and color of any kind of covers & lids. Some games we are making need lots of covers in them so please don't hesitate to send whatever kind you have. They can always be used for something.

Now that summer is here, please keep an eye out for the school supplies sales that usually start at this time and run until September. We are always in need of paper of any kind, crayons, (last year we ran out of crayons way too soon), pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners, and erasers. Since all of these items go inside every shoebox, we need a lot of them and any you can provide will go a long way in helping these kids go to school. Children from third world countries can't go to school if they don't have the supplies. And even if they are able to find these supplies, it costs their parents more than a week's pay just for a box of crayons or a few pencils! Summer is also a time when many people are venturing out on special trips. Please keep *Operation Christmas Child* in your thoughts as you are traveling and perhaps you could save a hotel bar of soap or two for the shoeboxes!

☛ Our next **Operation Christmas Child** workshop will be held at my home in Chester on Friday, **July 19** from **2-7:00 p. m.** We will be working on making games to put in the boxes and little felt creatures. Everyone is welcome and snacks will be provided. —*Cindy*

Knit-A-Square

As always, we are collecting 8-inch knit or crocheted squares to send to South Africa to be made into blankets for children with AIDS. These squares can be any colors, any type of yarn, and any kind of patterns from plain knitting to intricate patterns, the choice is up to you. Bright colors are appreciated. We ask that if you are working with wool, please keep those squares separated as they will be made into blankets given to children who are sleeping in front of open flames. Thank you to everyone who has been knitting and crocheting squares. Today the temperatures are 45°F and these children spend most of their time outside!

Afghans for Afghans

Afghans for Afghans is collecting wool knit sweaters, hats, mittens, and socks for girls. If anyone would like to join in making them, the deadline is September.

PINS Back To School Collection

Although the kids have just been released from school, the PINS committee is preparing for the next school year. For several years we have had a collection for back-to-school items to fill backpacks that are given to the Springfield Department of Family Services. The staff there distributes the backpacks to kids in foster families or families in crisis. Last year we were able to fill over 40 backpacks and hope to do the same this year.

The backpacks go to kids from kindergarten to high school, so the items needed are: 3-ring binders with lined paper, 3-hole 9"x12" plastic folders with pockets, pens, pencils, erasers, sharpeners, rulers, 8"x10" spiral notebooks, safety scissors, construction paper, calculators, and backpacks (new or in very good condition) of all sizes.

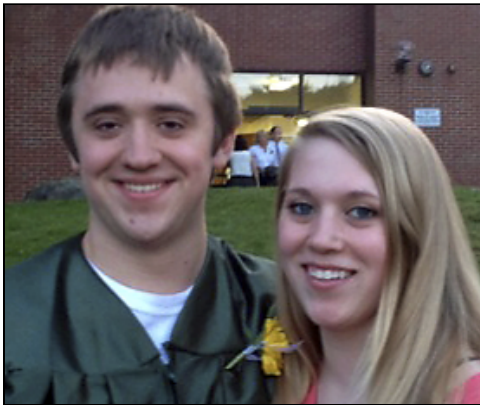
PINS (Partners in Service) is one of the organizations that St. Luke's supports through its Outreach Program. We work closely with the Vermont Department for Children and Families agency. Its mission is to bring together faith communities with human service agencies. It helps promote the resiliency and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

A bin will be in the back of the church during July and until **Sunday, August 18th** for your donations. Every kid returning to school likes to start the year with new equipment, especially these kids who don't often get new things. Won't you help us help them? —*Marcia Clinton*

Chester/Andover Summer Nutrition Program Adjustments

Due to some unanticipated changes, the CAES Summer Nutrition Program will be re-focusing its 2013 inaugural efforts in a more limited way than originally anticipated. "Packer Uppers" from St. Luke's won't be needed this year; however, what would be helpful is either cash donations made out to the "CAES Parent-Teacher Group" (CAES PTG) or the following food items to be included for the eight participating families: **large jars of peanut butter • large jars of jelly • canned tuna fish • boxed mac & cheese • boxed pasta • large jars of pasta sauce • cans of red beans • cans of baked beans • canned fruits & vegetables • bulk rice that is easy to cook.**

Any excess of food or money will be turned over to the Chester Family Center at the end of the summer. Keep in mind that items donated should be at least in a block of eight items so each family gets an even distribution. Further questions or offers to help can be directed to Chris Meyer: 802-342-3139 or 875-6900. Thanks for your willing support to help feed our neighbors and Chester's children!



Congratulations, Matthew Stretton!

Matthew Stretton, son of Martha and Alan Stretton, graduated from Green Mountain Union High School on June 21. Shown here with 'big' sister, Betsy, Matthew plans to attend Keene State College in the fall. He received scholarships from the Masonic Lodge in Chester and from The Charitable Foundation of the

Bryant Grinder Company. He's considering pursuing studies in computer science and/or becoming a physical therapist. Matthew has continued studying piano throughout high school and hopes to continue it as a hobby in the years ahead.



...and Congratulations Meghan & Emily Guerra!

Emily Guerra, daughter of Deb Brown & Jim Guerra, also graduated from Green Mountain Union High School on June 21. Emily will be attending UVM in the fall where she will be majoring in Exercise and Movement. After she completes her Bachelor's degree, she plans to continue on another three

years to obtain a Doctorate in Physical Therapy.

Meghan Guerra, Emily's older sister, graduated from the University of Vermont on Sunday, May 19, 2013. Meghan received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from UVM. She is currently employed by Poly Pohang School in Pohang, South Korea.



WEEKLY

• Lunch Bunch Book Study:

Mondays, **Noon-1:15PM** in the church sanctuary. We are reading, "*Uncommon Gratitude: Alleluia For All That Is*" by Joan Chittister and Rowan Williams. All welcome to join us and be sure to bring a brown bag lunch.

• Choir On Summer Hiatus:

St. Luke's Choir is now on their summer hiatus and will join the congregation in the pews during the months of July and August. Rehearsals will resume in September.

LESS THAN WEEKLY

• St. Luke's Vestry Meeting:

Monday, July 8th, Willard Hall, 6:30PM for Short Bible Study; monthly agenda at **7:00PM**. Focus of the meeting will be on "Fellowship." All parishioners are welcome to attend.

• Operation Christmas Child:

Friday, July 19th, 2:00-7:00PM at Cindy's house, 317 Grafton St., Chester. Call Cindy for directions, 874-3292

• St. Luke's 75th August Supper:

Saturday, August 3rd, seatings at 4:30, 5:45, & 7:00PM. Read the article on page 4 and fill out the survey on page 5. Do come!

St. Luke's Financial Information

	<u>May 2013</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>2013 Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Plate/Pledge Income	\$ 6,312.08	\$ 40,702.40	\$ 102,400.00	39.75%
Other Oper. Income	\$ 616.90	\$ 9,083.55	\$ 21,160.00	42.93%
Restricted Income	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,067.10		
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 6,978.98	\$ 50,853.05	\$ 123,560.00	41.16%
Regular Expense	\$ 8,569.94	\$ 45,044.31	\$ 125,333.74	35.94%
Restricted Expense	\$ 111.23	\$ 145.57		
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 8,681.17	\$ 45,189.88	\$ 125,333.74	36.06%

As you can see, expenses are ahead of income in May, but we are still able to meet our expenses overall with the income year to date. Again, we are asking everyone to try to keep up their pledges and add a little if able.

—The Financial Committee

Silent Auction

Don't be shy about offering up your services, talents, or goods for the *Silent Auction* that will be part of the August Supper on August 3. Use your imagination and let's have some fun at the auction this year. Share your talents with the St. Luke's community and help us raise some money for the church. Please contact **Bill Hoyt** at **824-5055** or Bhoyham1@myfairpoint.net.



JULY CELEBRATIONS



Birthdays:

2 Pat Ballou	17 Ciana Roundy-Winston
2 Marc DesLauriers	18 Jean Hancock
4 Nate Gagnon	22 John DesLauriers
6 Rachel Guerra	24 Annemarie Sexton
8 Zoe Meyer	25 Anne Cassels
8 Kathryn Wright	28 Martha Cowles
14 Adelaide Johnson	28 Ann Summers

Anniversaries:

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

"Little faith will bring your soul to heaven, but great faith will bring heaven to your soul."

—Charles Spurgeon

**"St. Luke's
is an
intentional
Christian
community,
deepening faith
and
broadening
love."**

✠ WORSHIP SCHEDULE ✠

July 7 PENTECOST VII (Proper 9)

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

July 14 PENTECOST VIII (Proper 10)

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

July 21 PENTECOST IX (Proper 11)

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

July 28 PENTECOST X (Proper 12)

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

Child Care available in Willard Hall during the 10:00 a.m. Service

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

The Rev. Carole Wageman, Interim Rector

The Rev. Sanford R. Johnson, Priest Associate

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