



JUNE 2017

Light in the Shadows

"Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." Matt. 5: 16

The Holy Spirit Lights Our Way Forward

"Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink." [Genesis 21:19]



I find myself gazing outside my window at home at the large tree that adorns my view. The leaves are copious and swaying. The tree with its leaves is letting me know that the weather outside is about to change—again! Overcast skies are expected along with cooler temperatures and more rain. This seems to have been the pattern for much of this year in this Spring season so far. But it's still May as

I write this article and June is just around the corner.

"This year in June is particularly special because it begins with the Event of the Pentecost in which we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit who lights our way forward. The Spirit has come to refresh us with Christ's living water. So, the next time we see clouds forming, let us turn our eyes to the Son and drink in the Spirit's light and life."

—Rev. Heidi L. Edson

Our Lectionary Readings this month give us the story of Hagar and her son, Ishmael alone in the wilderness. Sarah, Abraham's wife, had conceived and given birth to Isaac. To Sarah's way of thinking, there was not room for both the sons of Abraham to grow up together and now Hagar and Ishmael must set out from the camp. They make their way into the wilderness. Alone in the wilderness, the water in the skin Hagar was carrying, runs dry and Hagar despairs. But then God hears her cry and opens her eyes to see a well filled with water. Now refreshed,

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Ascension Day Shrimp Boil



About 25 parishioners gathered in Willard Hall on the Sunday after Ascension Day to enjoy our annual "Shrimp Boil." Well to be technically correct, it wasn't actually a "boil" (since we served cold shrimp)—but nonetheless everyone seemed to enjoy the event judging by the happy sound of laughter permeating the room. Many thanks to the choir members, along with help from Georgiana Cheney,

Sally Hoover and Bonnie Watters for organizing and supplying the side dishes to go along with the shrimp. Our only regret was that some of the visitors in church that morning were unable to stay and join the feast. We had lots of shrimp leftover and could have easily fed many more. Is this an event that we want to continue in the

future? Let us know your thoughts. —*The Choir*

From the Senior Warden

God's Kingdom & The Holy Spirit... Some Reflections



It's Ascension Sunday as I write this column and I'm reflecting on Heidi's sermon. Imagine! Seeing Jesus rise up into the sky! And "two men in white robes" who say, "Believe your eyes. And not only this. But wait! There's more! He's going to return, and He's going to return in this same way!"

Descending from the clouds, from the sky! No wonder the Disciples scurried back to the safety of their Upper Room and remained in prayer.

Probably disappointed, too. Remember, their last question was, "Is it NOW, Lord, that you're going to establish your Kingdom and free us from oppression!?" Knowing that Jesus was about to leave them, they must have been thinking, "If not NOW, Lord, when?" And then there he goes, floating up into the sky! Jeezum Crow!

I think about what it is that is most dear to my heart (and surely must be dear to God's Heart, too)! "Lord, when will you accomplish our (yours and my) heart's desire on Earth?" Yet, I remain as disappointed as the Disciples. God, seemingly, is not establishing His Kingdom. Week after week we pray for His Kingdom to come on Earth as it is in Heaven. Yet, God, in His power, has not established The Kingdom.

By the time you read this column, Pentecost will have arrived. Imagine! The Spirit blowing through like a strong wind. Tongues of fire dancing above people's heads! People speaking in strange languages, appearing as though drunk at nine o'clock in the morning. But, the Disciples are not drunk. They are feeling the power of the Holy Spirit filling them. Jeezum Crow! What was that like, I wonder?

And what is God giving us this Holy Spirit power for, I wonder?

*Your Sister in Christ,
Belinda*

The Holy Spirit Lights Our Way Forward

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Hagar and Ishmael continue on in their journey with God leading them all the way.

Here at St. Luke's we've seen a few clouds. I am thinking specifically about the Celebration of Life service we recently held for Kathryn Wright—a person who gave of herself and her talents and time to serve our church community and the diocese of Vermont in so many capacities and ways. We were all surprised at her sudden parting. Kathryn will be greatly missed by many of us at church and in the communities in which she was also actively engaged.

When losses come, especially unexpected ones, such as the death of our friend, Kathryn, we may find ourselves in a wilderness of sorts where there seems to be nowhere to turn. In such time, it's hard to see the path before us. Much like Hagar, we become thirsty. Our thirst is for the sun's warmth and light. June is a wonderful month—a time for renewal and exploration. This year in June is particularly special because it begins with the Event of the Pentecost in which we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit who lights our way forward. The Spirit has come to refresh us with Christ's living water. So, the next time we see clouds forming, let us turn our eyes to the Son and drink in the Spirit's light and life.

*Blessings,
Heidi+*



Trinity Sunday, June 11th

Trinity Sunday, officially called "The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity," is one of the few celebrations of the Christian Year that commemorates a reality and doctrine rather than a person or event. On Trinity Sunday, Christians remember and honor the eternal God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Trinity Sunday is celebrated the Sunday after Pentecost, and lasts only one day, which is symbolic of the unity of the Trinity. Eastern Churches have no tradition of Trinity Sunday, arguing that they celebrate the Trinity every Sunday. Westerners also commemorate the Trinity at every Eucharist, although Episcopalians set aside a special feast day for this purpose as well.

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"You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty." —Mahatma Gandhi

A Celebration of Life



Kathryn Wright

July 8, 1948 – May 15, 2017

Our dear sister and fellow parishioner, Kathryn Wright passed away very suddenly and unexpectedly on Monday, June 15th in her home in Bellows Falls, Vermont.

Kathryn was born in Denver, Colorado in 1948 and became an Episcopalian at the age of twelve. She told her family she wanted to go to church, so her dad directed her to “shop around.” Choosing the Catholic Church after her research, he suggested the Episcopal Church. The rest is history.

Kathryn lived and traveled to many places from Albuquerque, NM where she married her late (first) husband and for more than a decade of foreign postings to Bahrain, Singapore, Malaysia, Norway, Scotland and England. I don’t know when Kathryn made Vermont her home but she came to St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Chester via a “Saturday Night Supper Event” in 2005 and was a member ever since. Prior to St. Luke’s she worshipped at Immanuel Church in Bellows Falls, VT and St. John’s in Walpole, NH. No matter where she chose to worship, Kathryn was always fully involved and committed to her faith communities as well as the broader community—with a special interest in outreach and assisting those in need.

Kathryn was a bright and talented woman. She earned her B. S. in Accounting from the University of

Nebraska as a correspondence student through the American Embassy, and then pursued her MBA at the London School of Economics. An at-home mother as much as possible raising her two children (a daughter, Heather and son, Dana), Kathryn had twenty-five years experience using her business and accounting skills in the private sector. Administration, human resources and finance work in small area businesses in the ski industry, the travel industry, the engineering field, and the natural foods industry allowed her to go into offices in evenings and to work at home. Even in retirement she continued with one client’s accounting work.

During her twelve years at St. Luke’s, Kathryn generously shared her talents and commitment to the Lord, serving on the Vestry in the roles of Christian Education Coordinator, Junior Warden, Senior Warden, Assistant Treasurer, Treasurer, Finance Committee and was a Diocesan Convention Delegate. She was a member of the discernment team and as the Senior Warden during that 2½ period, guided us through the new rector search process after Paul Brannock-Wanter resigned in 2012. Kathryn was a licensed Eucharistic visitor and served on the Diocesan Council, with a special interest in The Rock Point Summer Camp, where her grandson, Hayden, was an enthusiastic attendee and later a camp counselor.

Kathryn will be remembered for her direct approach, take-charge personality, and her deep and abiding love of the Lord. She may have appeared abrupt at times, but she always maintained a loving commitment to reaching out to others in the Lord’s name. She loved to cook and did catering jobs on the side to help support herself. Her richly, deep-chocolate cake became a favorite at the August Supper and other food events and will especially be missed by Norm Harrison, who ordered one every year for his birthday.

In her Senior Warden Column in the October 2011 LITS, Kathryn wrote about how nothing is small if God asks for it and how those simple words turned her into an evangelist-by-example. She quoted some words written by Mother Teresa in “The Blessings of Love” and shared how they confirmed her belief in those small things:

“Each time anyone comes into contact with us, they must become different and better people because of having met us. We must radiate God’s love.”

Perhaps this is a fitting legacy that Kathryn leaves to us as well. Hopefully we have become better people in knowing Kathryn and by her example will continue to radiate God’s love. We will miss Kathryn’s presence in our lives at St. Luke’s and pray she finds peace and rest in her heavenly Father’s arms. —**Pat Fromberger**

May Vestry Meeting Report

• **Focus Topic: Christian Education.** The adult programs have a regular following. Jean Hancock reported on the variety of books discussed at the Monday lunchtime Book Club and recommended as “powerful” reading “Dignity,” written by Ann Hicks, who will be a speaker for the fall Diocesan Convention. Heidi mentioned “Painting the Stars,” where diverse people were interviewed on science and religion, as the new subject for Studies on Wednesday and Sundays. Regarding the Church School, Sean Whalen and Jessica Buchanan couldn’t attend the Vestry meeting, but had reported a likely decrease in regular future weekly commitment—possibly only once or twice a month. Jean and Heidi will check online programs that are available so we can determine what options exists for others to become involved in teaching Sunday School.

• **Treasurer’s Report.** John DesLauriers reported that QuickBooks and the budget are now fixed, so the budget can be tracked in the future, and the next Profit & Lost statement will have percentage figures for all line items. John is still waiting for Diocesan help in clearing up the books: preparing a quarterly balance sheet that includes improvements to the building, shows a final accounting on work done in 2016, and brings all accounting up to date. Sally Hoover had created a list of questions for John to ask, but the man who would come doesn’t know QuickBooks and will come only for an afternoon, which is not enough time to solve the problems. The Parochial Report is overdue, and an audit needs to be done in 2017. Andrew Pennell said he would like to take QuickBooks into the online version, which is more portable. The budget has “good structure” now, but the books still need cleaning up. Andrew proposed hiring Nancy Pennell (his mother) for an unspecified period of time to reconcile the 2016 books and past financials so we can be up to date, comply with required reports, and prepare for a new Treasurer to take over at the January 2018 Annual Meeting. It was clear, however, that everyone wanted Lynda to continue as Assistant Treasurer. Motion to authorize Andrew to explore with Nancy Pennell the assignment of her taking on the clean-up bookkeeping task for St. Luke’s at \$15 per hour: Belinda; second, Jean; all in favor. [After the meeting, Andrew spoke with Nancy, who agreed to start immediately.] In the meantime, Andrew and John will meet to complete parts of the overdue Parochial Report that Heidi could not finish, so it could be sent to the Diocese.

• **Vestry Retreat on June 2 & 3.** On behalf of the Vestry Retreat Committee, Belinda reported that she had found facilitators, and Janet Hunter had arranged for the retreat to take place gratis at Gethsemane’s Hall in Proctorsville. Friday dinner will include spouses/partners, be potluck, and

start at 5:30 p.m.. Saturday will be 9:00 a.m.-3:00 pm.—starting after breakfast with coffee and baked goods as a snack with a sub for lunch. The topic will be “Unbinding.” Facilitators will be Todd McKee and Angela Emerson. Todd’s estimate of \$625 for expenses includes the \$375 facilitators’ fee and mileage, supplies (pads, markers, etc.), food, and a \$25 donation to Gethsemane Church. Since that estimate exceeded St. Luke’s retreat line item of \$250 in the tight 2017 budget, Todd suggested the possibility of a Diocesan grant, with a deadline of 5/19, to fund around half of the anticipated expenses. Hence the need for a swift completion of the Parochial Report in order to qualify, with Belinda completing the rest of the grant paperwork and submitting it by the deadline. Discussion followed about how to fund the remainder of the cost, but the consensus was to proceed swiftly with the grant application.

• **Rector’s Report.** Heidi will take two weeks off in June to attend CREDO for active clergy. The Rev. Susan Langle will be Supply Priest for two Sundays.

• **Other Business:** Community Monthly Dinner. There was lots of food on May 4, but only two non-St. Luke’s attendees, one of which left because the lights were too bright. [NOTE: Some days after the Vestry meeting an email from Janet Hunter said that the remaining two sessions were postponed because of Rick’s shoulder operation.]

• **Recognition Sunday** will be held on **June 4**, Pentecost, Birthday of the Church. Discussion arose as to the purpose of the “Good and Faithful Servant Award.” No one knew of any written criteria for the GFSA award or if it had to be only for service to St. Luke’s or could be for a St. Luke’s member who did service above and beyond our faith community. The discussion about the purpose of the award will be tabled until the August 9th Vestry meeting.

• **New Church Musician for St. Luke’s.** Ashley Paine is moving to New Hampshire, and her last Sunday will be at the end of July. A subcommittee will be formed to create a job description, start immediate advertising, and interview candidates. The committee will include Heidi, Belinda (choir representative), and someone from the congregation.

• **Parishioner Letter.** Lillian Willis read a letter from two parishioners who were concerned about re-engaging former parishioners, keeping those involved now, and attracting new parishioners (especially young people) to St. Luke’s. Acknowledged were the pressures of jobs, chores, and sports on younger families; the small attendance at free suppers in spite of advertising; the decrease in pledges/donations coupled with the burden of relying on those with fixed incomes to fund the church and its heat; suggestion of limiting a sermon to 10 minutes; suggestion of new music events or a big supper in spring or fall (with proceeds going to heat the church). They also recommended sending out a

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questionnaire to those who were not regularly attending to find out why they were not coming each Sunday. The Vestry was most appreciative that parishioners would make their concerns known. It recognized the problems mentioned, and decided—rather than send out a questionnaire—to have Vestry members commit to speak in person with those who were no longer regular attendees to find out what had changed and what could be done to both bring them back and attract new people. Heidi will help prepare a list so Vestry members can choose someone well known to them for this discussion.

• **Next Regular Vestry Meeting:** Wednesday, August 9th. June 2 & 3 is Vestry Retreat. July is vacation.

Respectfully submitted,
Lillian Willis, Clerk



First Holy, Then Happy

Having been married 16 years, I'm aware that marriage isn't all flowers and sunshine. Oh, I was realistic enough, even early on, to know that miscommunication and disagreements would intrude on romance, fondness and the glad sharing of chores and childcare. Even so, the subtitle of Gary Thomas' book *Sacred Marriage* (Zondervan) grabbed my attention: "What if God designed marriage to make us holy more than to make us happy?"

I pondered that for days, reminding myself I'm to focus on my holiness, not my husband's. What if marriage is to teach me selflessness rather than to meet all my needs? What if the holiness of love means being patient and kind, not irritable or rude? What if instead of keeping score of kitchen duty I simply did my husband's (without counting)? What if I offered empathy, not criticism; respect, not resentment? And what if walking in holiness leads to greater happiness? To such a change in perspective, I say, "I do!"

—Heidi Mann

Christian Symbol: Tongues of Fire



Reminiscent of the Pentecost account in Acts 2 when "tongues of fire" rested on the disciples' heads as the Holy Spirit birthed the church, images of flame symbolize the Spirit. Sometimes a tongue of fire is paired with a dove and set on a red background—other symbols of the Holy Spirit. Fire may also indicate spiritual fervor and zeal in a Christian's life.

Rev. Heidi Attending A CREDO Retreat in June

There's a song that begins, "June is busting out all over!" Well, I am taking those words to heart and will be "busting out" of Chester this month for two weeks. The dates I will be away will be from the 5th of June until the 19th. I'll be back on the 20th—

The plan is this: From the 6th until the 12th, I will be attending a CREDO retreat in Morgantown, Indiana. This is a one-time opportunity for active clergy to participate in. The purpose of the retreat (sponsored and led by the Clergy Pension Group (CPG)), is for needed renewal. This is a one-time opportunity for us clergy folk to be fed ourselves in our spirits, souls, and bodies. The staff promises to keep us pretty busy and some homework is involved, but the retreat is designed for us to return more fresh and ready to serve the church where we are.

From the 14th until the 18th, Doug will join me in "busting out" of Chester. We'll be driving across the border into Canada and to Montreal. On our way up north, we'll be stopping for a visit and an overnight with Donna Reidt and her husband who live in West Charleston, VT.

In my absence, the Rev. Susan Langle will come to preach and preside the Sunday services on the 11th and 18th. The Rev. Langle is a retired priest from the Diocese of New Hampshire. She is a licensed Officiant in the Diocese of VT, where I discovered her name on the website. Rev. Langle currently works as a hospice chaplain in the Claremont area. Her hobbies include writing poems and taking care of people and pets. I hope you will come when she is here to give her your support and a warm welcome.

—Heidi+



Vermont Green Up Day At St. Luke's

Spring Green Up Day is a state wide event and tradition in Vermont. Chester Town and the Conservation Committee made it happen once again on Saturday, May 6th. St. Luke's was able to clean out the furnace room and the shed thanks to help from Doug Edson and Lew Watters while Bonnie Watters cleaned the classroom. Additionally, earlier in the month the Hunters cleaned the kitchen; Marti Assenza reorganized the outer office; the Willises cleaned the memorial gardens; Marcia Clinton did the same to our beautiful front gardens; and Cole Lewis, and his lawn team, picked up the all the grounds.

Thanks be to everyone for keeping our property welcoming and our spaces free of clutter.—Lew Watters

The Outreach Corner

Outreach Committee Update

Sally Hoover and Jane Davis continue to co-chair the Outreach Committee. Normally St. Luke's commits 10% of the pledge and plate income to Outreach to both local and national/international service programs. Because of the lower number of pledges this year and the need to rectify the accounts, the Vestry decided at the February meeting that the Outreach Committee could tentatively start planning on having \$5500 available. The committee was urged to contribute more to local causes and late in the year because the actual amount available from tithing may decrease if income does not increase.

The Outreach Committee has been most frequently attended by interested church members, Marti Assenza, Marcia Clinton, Eileen & Tom Widger, Jane Davis, Sally Hoover, and Anita Wright. We welcome anyone who is interested in community Outreach. We seek fresh ideas to serve our community and the world. Below are the organizations St. Luke's will support in 2017.

Local Organizations

Chester/Andover Family Center
Habitat for Humanity – Springfield
Vermont Foodbank
Chester Volunteer Rescue Squad
Meals on Wheels
Our Place Drop-in Center in Bellows Falls
Chester/Andover Ministerium
Chester/Andover Community Cares
Emergency Fund
Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad
Partners in Service (PINS) – not a budget item;
separate fundraising through the Mapfest Event.

National/International Organizations

Americares
Partners in Health
Society of Anglican Missionaries & Senders
(SAMS): [Russ & Heidi Smith, missionaries]
Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD)
Food for the Poor
United Thank Offering (UTO) (not a budget item)

Note: Each month we hope to highlight one of the organizations that St. Luke's supports through funding and personal involvement in order to better inform everyone of one of the many ways we carry out God's mission at St. Luke's. This month the focus is on Our Place Drop-In Center. See the article on this page. Your comments and suggestions are invited and welcomed. —*The Outreach Committee*

Our Place Drop-In Center Bellows Falls, VT



Our Place Drop-In Center located on 6 Island Street in Bellows Falls, is one of the many worthwhile, local, outreach programs that St. Luke's Outreach supports. As most of you know, we spend 60 percent of our outreach money on local programs and 40 percent on national and international programs. Our Place Drop-In Center is an excellent resource

for you to know about in case you or someone you know is in need of a bit of assistance on an ongoing or one time basis. The hours are listed at the end of the article for your information.

Our Place has been serving the greater Rockingham community for 25 years. It is a community meal site, food pantry and social service resource for hundreds of people each year.

The kitchen staff prepares nourishing meals with fresh food that is either donated or purchased from a variety of sources including local markets and farms and dairies as well as the Vermont Foodbank. For many eating at Our Place is one of the few social interactions in their daily lives. The food pantry is open five days a week and offers a good selection of free groceries each month to an average of 160 families. In addition, Our Place delivers more than 40 bags of groceries to seniors and disabled people each month. Some people need supplemental food every month to have enough to nourish themselves and their children, and some people only come to Our Place once or twice a year when they have a loss in wages or an unexpected expense.

Our Place also serves as a place to ask for information and assistance in navigating the complex and often confusing social service system, as well as for help in solving their unique personal and family problems.

Our Place is open Mon.–Friday: 8:00 a.m.–4:40 p.m.

All are welcome to free meals.

Breakfast is served: 9:00–10:30 a.m.

Lunch is served: 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

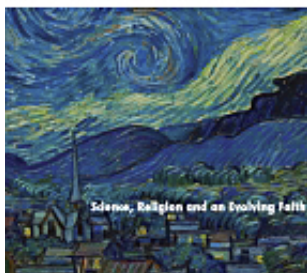
**The Food Pantry is open Monday–Friday,
9:00a.m.–11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.– 4:30 p.m.**

The greatest single cause of atheism in the world today is Christians who acknowledge Jesus with their lips, walk out the door and deny him by their lifestyle. That is what an unbelieving world simply finds unbelievable.

—*Brennan Manning, The Ragamuffin Gospel*

Adult Formation Update for June

PAINTING THE STARS



Our Adult Study Group—both Sundays and Mid-Week—has been enjoying the Living the Questions Series entitled: “Painting the Stars: Science, Religion and an Evolving Faith.” Each DVD Session we’ve watched so far has served to both inspire and challenge us to consider religion and our own faith tradition in a fresh light. These sessions successfully engage us by introducing different angles by which to see the relationship religion, nature and science together share.

Each week with this Study has generated some rich and animated discussion among us. I for one find myself asking questions about what it is I believe about God and about my faith tradition in the light of the message from this Series. It seems these are the questions we’re all asking in the group. Together we are discovering why faith—and religion in general—is still vital and relevant in today’s evolving world.

That all being said, our Adult Study Group will be taking a break from the DVD Series for much of the month of June. Doug and I will be away and will return late in the month. We will resume again on Wednesday, the 28th of June and again on Sunday, the 2nd of July. We hope you will join us then.

Our Mid-Week Morning Prayer will also be taking a break and will resume on the 28th of June at 9:40 a.m. For our Morning Prayer, we are currently using the book, Daily Prayer for All Seasons by Church Publishing as a guide.

—Heidi+

The Wooden Shoe Of Worry

The word sabotage has a fascinating history. Sabot is the French word for a wooden shoe. Sabotage was the act of throwing a shoe into machinery to stop work. Now it means any attempt to hinder production or spoil a product.

Satan tries to cast a wooden shoe into our souls to prevent us from accomplishing God’s plan. That shoe is worry, which can crush the spirit, sour our disposition and interfere with Christian service. That’s why Jesus instructs: “Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself” (Matthew 6:34, NIV). Jesus isn’t promoting laziness or indifference; instead, he encourages us to trust our Father, who provides for all our needs.

Be on guard, and don’t let worry sabotage your faith!

Special June Dates

- The Day of Pentecost, June 4
- Trinity Sunday, June 11
- Flag Day, June 14
- Father’s Day, June 18
- First Day of Summer, June 20

Please Keep Your Pledges Up to Date

Summertime and the living is easy. This is just a reminder to ask members to keep from getting too lax on these lazy summer days and be sure to keep their pledges up to date. As you know we are operating on fewer funds in 2017 than in previous years at St. Luke’s, so it is very important that everyone do their part so we can pay our bills and fund the good work God is asking us to do.



WEEKLY

• Sunday Adult Formation Study:

Sundays, 11:40AM-12:30PM. Will resume on **July 2nd**, with our DVD series entitled, “Painting the Stars: Science, Religion and an Evolving Faith.” All are welcome to join us. Read article at left for more information.

• Lunch Bunch Book Study:

Mondays, **Noon-1:15PM** in Willard Hall for a bag lunch, sharing, discussion & prayer. We are currently reading, “Dignity, Its Essential Role in Resolving Conflict,” by Donna Hicks, PhD. All are welcome to join us.

• Mid-Week Morning Prayer and Adult Formation Study:

Wednesdays: **Morning Prayer: 9:40AM**; in the Side Chapel; **Adult Study: 10:30AM**, in Willard Hall. We’ve begun our new DVD series entitled, “Painting the Stars: Science, Religion and an Evolving Faith,” and will resume on Wednesday, **June 28th**. All are welcomed to join us. See article on this page for details.

• St. Luke’s Choir Rehearsal:

Sundays at **9:00AM** for warm-up & rehearsal in the church nave. Special rehearsals will be held as needed. New members are welcome! Speak to Ashley Paine if you are interested.

LESS THAN WEEKLY

• Annual Parish Picnic:

Sunday, **June 4th** following the 10AM service, rain or shine. Do come and enjoy the fellowship and excellent food.

• Vestry Annual Retreat:

Friday, **June 2nd, 5:30PM**, potluck supper with spouses; Saturday, **June 3rd, 9:00AM-3:00PM**; discussion on “Unbinding.” To be held at **Gethsemane Church Hall** in Proctorsville. Read May Vestry Report on page 4 for details.

• Monthly Vestry Meeting:

No Meeting in July. The next regular meeting is on Wednesday, **August 9th** in Willard Hall. **6:30PM Gathering & Scripture Reflection; 7:00PM Regular Agenda.** The focus topic is “Worship/AltarGuild/Music.” All church members are welcome to attend.

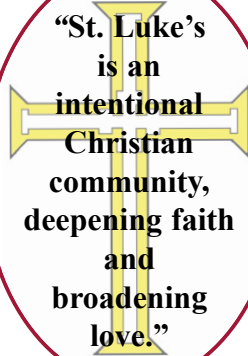
JUNE CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays:

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| I Michael Wilson | II Martha Stretton |
| I Stephanie (Wilson) Blanch | 17 Evelyn Meyer |
| 3 Sophia Buchanan | 18 Patrick Wilson |
| 6 Doreen Bolger | |
| 11 Lynne Reed | |

Anniversaries:

- 6 Ross & Amy Jones
 13 Sanford & Bonnie Johnson
 20 George & Georgiana Cheney
 20 Fred & Alyce Fielder
 22 Lew & Bonnie Watters
 28 Dale & Gloria Deming
 29 Red & Adelaide Johnson



"Patience with others is love, patience with self is hope, patience with God is faith." —Adel Bestavros

✠ WORSHIP SCHEDULE ✠

June 4 THE DAY OF PENTECOST
 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
 (Recognition Sunday/Parish Picnic)

June 11 TRINITY SUNDAY
 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 10:00 AM Enriching Our Worship, Prayer I

June 18 II PENTECOST
 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 10:00 AM Enriching Our Worship, Prayer I

June 25 III PENTECOST
 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

☛ **CHURCH SCHOOL:** Church School will be recessing for the summer months after the Sunday, June 4th.

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