



ACTS OF FAITH
The Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

February, 2012

Most loving Father, whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things, to fear nothing but the loss of you, and to cast all our cares on you who care for us: Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which you have manifested to us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen*

-Collect for Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany, Book of Common Prayer, page 216

Dear People of God,

We won't get to hear this collect on a Sunday morning this year. In fact, it is rare for Easter to fall late enough for us to get to hear this collect at all. So I bring it to your attention for reflection and meditation during the weeks remaining in the Epiphany Season. I love its themes of giving thanks, casting away fear and anxiety, and holding our lives in the light of Christ. I hear Advent, Epiphany, and even a hint of Lent in this beautiful collect.

February is a month in which we move (thematically, at least) from the exhilarating mountaintop experience of the Transfiguration to the loneliness of the desert. We dare to move with the light of Christ into the darker valleys and deeper shadows of our lives.

As always we hope this newsletter will give you some navigational tools for your journey through the end of Epiphanytide and into Lent. Here are some events that you might find particularly illuminating for your spiritual travels:

Christian Households – a series that seeks to bring us into deeper conversation about how our commitment to follow Christ in the world is shaped by the bonds of affection and love we express within our homes. More details inside.

Raising Cain (Feb. 5th) – a once monthly opportunity for parents to gather and discuss

the joys and challenges of raising children in the Christian faith.

Fellowship Movie Night – Saturday, Feb. 18th featuring *Babette's Feast* (Johnson Hall)

Lauren Winner Book Signing/ Fundraiser for Youth Mission – February 20th.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – February 21st

Ash Wednesday, February 22. Holy Eucharist and imposition of ashes at 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 7:00 p.m.

A Lenten Reflection Day -Saturday, February 25, 9:30 AM-3:00 PM *led by the Reverend Drs. Jo Bailey and Sam Wells.* This may be your last opportunity to hear these very gifted speakers before they leave Duke University and return to their native England to assume new responsibilities in London this summer. This day of quiet reflection is designed and jointly hosted by the churches of the Durham Convocation.

Finally, let me encourage you to consider making a private confession with a member of the clergy as a part of your preparation for Lent. Some of you may have made a private confession before. For some of you it may seem a strange and new thing. Read more in this newsletter about the Rite of Reconciliation as a way to enrich your Lenten journey.

The Reverend Anne E. Hodges-Copple

Adult Christian Formation

Sunday Adult Forum – Sundays from 9:20 – 10:15 am in the conference room of the Elizabeth Gray Building.

February 5th and 12th – Bible Study on the Gospel according to Mark.

February 19th - Learn about Saints of Color. February is Black History Month and a good time to remember those saints of the church who bore the light of Christ against race and cultural oppression. Absalom Jones, Enmegahbowh, the Martyrs of Uganda, Pauli Murray, and more.

Special Series -

Christian Households - We take it for granted that everyone lives in some form of community: homes, neighborhoods, towns, counties, etc. An early meaning of the word *parish* was the geographical boundaries of an area served by a particular local church and its priest. Our understanding of the Holy Trinity is based upon an understanding of God as being a community of persons: Father (Creator), Son (Redeemer) and Holy Spirit (Sustainer), each one only existing in and through the others.

One of the most basic forms of community is the home. The home is where we live and enjoy some of life's most intimate moments. The character of our homes has a profound impact upon the character of our lives. At our baptism we are welcomed into the household of God. But how best do we welcome God into our own wonderful, messy, very personal and very particular households?

Our Epiphany Series, **Christian Households**, will explore these very questions for four Sunday afternoons. January 29th *Why live together?* How do we live and care for one another within the home and how is that home formed by Christ? February 5th – *Disciplines and practices for living in Christian community* with particular reference to various alternative forms of Christian households including lessons from the monastic movement. February 12th – *Marriage and the Household*: why marriage matters even to those who are not and choose not to be married. Is the church even willing to talk about "living in sin" anymore? February 19th *Same gender couples and their*

place in the household of God. In this final session we will draw on biblical and theological tradition to explore the place of households not yet labeled acceptable in the history of Christian households. Sessions meet from 4-6 p.m. in the conference room in the Gray Building.

Monday Lent Suppers and Learning for adults and families

Here is a Lent practice for everyone: on four Mondays (February 27, March 5, 19, 26) join us for a simple supper at 6:30 in Johnson Hall. Afterwards, there will be two options. 1. Families with children and youth can stay for an extra 20 minutes to explore the Stations of the Cross (those ceramic plaques in the church). We will tell the story of the 15 stations, a few each night, and the children will create an art booklet. We will conclude by 7:30 so families can get home. Option 2: Adults will convene for a book/Bible study until 8:30. (watch the bulletin for details). Childcare can be provided if requested. Please sign up in the Sprague Room so we will know how much supper to prepare.

Christian formation for Children and Youth

Godly Play for olders and youngers and Sunday school for middle and high school youth continues at 9:20 in the Gray Building.

Caring for our youngest children

We are blessed to have more and more babies and young children in our parish. The time has come to evaluate our needs for nursery space for infants and toddlers and to look at Christian formation for the children who are ready to learn about God but not yet ready for Godly Play. We are forming a nursery committee and looking for anyone interested in teaching 2-3 year-olds on Sunday mornings (beginning in Fall). Contact Corrinne Morse(cmorse@nc.rr.com) about the nursery committee. Contact Pastor Joe Hensley if you are interested in teaching.

Godly Play: A Wonder-ful chance to learn and minister

We have been using the Godly Play curriculum for children's Christian formation for over 5 years now. The children learn about Holy Scripture and liturgy through hands on storytelling (based on the Montessori method of education). Ginny Brooks, Kelley Lawton, and Suzanne Blankfard have been involved for these many years week in and week out. They deserve a big "thank you!" Over those years, others have joined them as storytellers, greeters, and logistical supporters. As more children are attending on Sunday morning there are two pressing needs for adults (or mature youth) to get involved: 1) as companions for children who need more help staying focused during the lessons, and 2) as storytellers (involves learning just one, short, scripted Bible story). By getting involved, you will experience the "wonder" that happens. Everyone in the parish is invited to come and observe a Godly Play session in action. Please contact Ginny, Kelley, Suzanne, or one of the clergy to learn more.

First Sundays Series: "Raising Cain: Faith formation in the family".

On Sunday, February 5, during the Christian formation hour (9:20-10:15), we will resume a conversation that began on All Saints Sunday about the challenges of raising children as Christians. Led by Joe Hensley, this series of sessions will look at spiritual, practical ways for parents to encourage faith formation at home and as a part of our parish family. We will continue on the first Sunday of each month and welcome everyone, parents and parent-supporters, whether your children are newly born, out of the house, or in between.

Youth Events for February

February 5: NO EYC
February 12: EYC meets from 4-6
February 19: EYC decorates Johnson Hall for the Pancake Supper. Meet after church.
February 21 (Tuesday): Pancake Supper (youth arrive right after school to help prepare)
February 26: NO EYC
March 2-3: EYC assist with Spring Fling yard sale/bake sale (and possible overnight)

Youth Sunday school usually meets from 9:20-10:15 a.m. in the youth room. Our youth group, "EYC", typically meets Sunday afternoons from 4-6 in the Gray Building youth room. For more information about specific activities, parents and youth can sign up for email updates or go to the youth page on the St. Luke's website. Youth can also join our facebook group. Contact Joe Hensley for more information: assistant-rector@stlukesdurham.org

Youth Mission Week: June 11-15

While the youth heading to Montana are getting prepared to leave, Pastor Joe invites the rest of our youth (rising 6th graders and older) to join him for a week of mission and fun in our local area. We will do service work in the mornings and fun activities in the afternoons. We will have one evening where we spend the night, but otherwise our schedule will be roughly 8-5. Contact Pastor Joe to sign up and (for adults) to volunteer with driving and supervising.

New member orientation:

Are you new (or somewhat new) to St. Luke's? Come to a one-hour orientation that will cover the basics of membership in our parish family, including an "official" tour of the campus on February 12 after the 10:30 a.m. service. Childcare can be available if requested. Contact the church office to sign up: 919.286.2273 or parish-admin@stlukesdurham.org .

Third Sunday Lunch

If you would like to have a time of food and fellowship, come join the Third Sunday Lunch Group. Just show up in the Sprague Room after the 10:30 service and after a brief time of socializing, we will decide when to go and proceed to a local restaurant. Come join us on February 19.

St. Luke's Men's Fellowship Breakfast

St. Luke's Men's Fellowship Breakfast will meet on the 4th Thursday, February 23, at 7 a.m. in Johnson Hall. Bring food to share if you can. We will have informal conversation followed by a brief devotional and Bible reflection. All men welcome.

Episcopal Church Women

Mr. Lyndon Smith from the Senior Carolina Advisory Program will be our speaker on Wednesday, February 15. "The Lighter Side of Fire Safety" will present new essentials for senior fire readiness within an entertaining and humorous format. The Senior Carolina Fire Advisory program was developed under the advisement of Mr. Jesse C. Johnson, past president of the Fire Marshall's Association of North America. It is dedicated to increasing awareness of the principles of residential fire safety and implementing those principles within the community in accordance with the National Fire Protection Association standards.

Come for refreshments and chatting at 9:45 a.m. Program will begin at 10. A short business meeting will follow at 11.

Joyce Avery

20s / 30s Adults Fellowship

Please mark your calendars for our next official 20s/30s event which will occur on Fat Tuesday, February 21, from 6PM onward! Our mission is to help the youth around 7pm to clean up after the annual Pancake Supper dinner. After cleanup, those interested will

migrate to Downtown Durham for Tuesday Trivia night (exact location TBA). If you can make it in time to eat, that's great! We can have a table for those of us who can dine at the Pancake Supper. This is a fun opportunity for those families with children to come, too! Just for dinner, cleanup or trivia after - choose your own participation level for what suits you. We'll meet at/after the Pancake supper in Johnson Hall. The supper goes from 5PM - 7PM. Cleanup from 7ish - 8ish. Trivia/ Downtown will be from about 8 (ish)- 11 PM. If you have questions, or would like to join the Facebook/Listserv groups, please do not hesitate to contact me at LizTakla@gmail.com or by phone at either 919-358-1772 (c) / (h) 919-294-8583. Warm regards, Liz Takla.

What is "Shrove Tuesday"?

It's not just pancakes! Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday, so named for the "shriving" (another word for confession and absolution of sins) of the faithful on that day. It is still very appropriate to make an individual confession of sins before or during Lent. See next article.

The Rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent

The ministry of reconciliation is entrusted by Christ to the Church. Each of us has a share in the ministry of restoring all of creation to unity with God. Confession is part, though by no means all of this ministry. We are invited to confess our sins, the ways in which we are disobedient and rebel against the will of God, at almost every worship service. Reconciliation of a Penitent, or private confession, is also a means of receiving "assurance of pardon and the grace of absolution." (page 861 *Book of Common Prayer*). The two forms of the rite are found on pages 447 -452 in the *Prayer Book*. If you are interested in making a private confession, or learning more about this rite, please speak to one of our priests. It is a privilege and a blessing to share this sacrament with our parishioners.

Fellowship Movie Night

Join us Saturday, February 18, for a new St. Luke's tradition: Babette's Epiphany Feast. We'll have a potluck dinner in Johnson Hall, followed by the "Imagination Transforming" movie, *Babette's Feast*. Potluck starts at 5:30, movie begins at 6:30. For more information, contact Peach McDouall at 471-2734.

Say Cheese! It's Picture Time at St. Luke's!

With so many new faces at St. Luke's, it's time for a new pictorial directory. This all-important project needs your participation in order to make it a success. Our goal is to have 100% participation! The directory will feature all of YOU! Added Bonus: non-St. Luke's families and friends have the opportunity to have their pictures taken too, but not appear in the directory. Each household plus one other group (either friend or family member) will receive a complimentary 8x10 photo. Large family generation pictures are also available. We should get pictures back in plenty of time for you to give as Easter gifts, however, the directory will not be available until later.

We've reserved Johnson Hall on Thursday, February 23 and Friday, February 24 from 3pm-8:30pm and also Saturday February 25 from 10:00am-4:00 pm. Sign up for the time slot that best fits your family's schedule.

Volunteers are needed to help with check in during those days. It's a great way to meet new people in the congregation and connect with old friends too. Please see me or sign up for a time that you're willing to help with this activity.

Look for sign-up sheets and more information in Sprague Room.

Questions – email me at klink509@gmail.com or call 919-602-8796.

Smile!
Debbie Carter

You are invited to a fabulous book party and fund raiser!

Monday, February 20, 2012
7-8:30 pm
St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Celebrate the publication of a new book, *Still: Notes on a Mid-Faith Crisis* by our own Lauren Winner.

"Compulsively readable, direct yet never indiscreet, Winner's book shows intelligence and verve as it seriously addresses the spiritual crises around God's apparent absence or silence, as faced by many. A must-have for Winner's readers and fans of Anne Lamott."

— Library Journal (starred review)

"Nothing glib here and nothing superhuman: just putting one foot in front of the other with whatever trust you can manage, because there is no other way to go."

-- Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury

"Lauren Winner's brave, spare, and subtle book is a great gift to the church. She lifts up doubt and absence with enough honesty to reveal the unfinished edges, and the radiance, of faith itself."

-Sara Miles, author of *Take This Bread* and *Jesus Freak*

Join us for a reading and signing of *Still*. Lauren has generously donated 200 copies of the book to St. Luke's. We will sell them at a steep discount (cash or check only), and every cent will go straight to our St. Luke's youth group to help fund their summer mission trip to the Montana reservation of the Blackfeet Nation. (The youth will be learning from the people of the Blackfeet Nation, as well as lending a hand with construction projects on the reservation.)

This is also a great opportunity to bring non-St. Luker's to our parish. If you have a friend who is a fan of spiritual memoir, invite him/her along. The more books we sell, the more help we'll be giving to our youth as they head to Montana.

St. Luke's Music Room

In 2011 it became clear that our music program had grown to a degree that we needed a room specifically designated as a music room. We are in the process of transitioning the former EYC room in Johnson Hall into a music room. This is becoming a great space for music storage, occasional rehearsal, teaching, a music office, and equipment storage. Moving music into the new music room will free up more space in the Kramer Room.

We are grateful to Bob and Rita Weimer for donating a small upright piano to the music department; it is now housed in the music room and may be used for a variety of purposes.

Looking ahead to Lenten music as a special Lenten discipline, consider joining the adult choir for Lent and Easter. One of the most expressive aspects of the season at St. Luke's is Lenten music. Music is chosen from a vast body of choral music from hundreds of years of church history that has endured because of its beauty and rich musical architecture. AS A LISTENER BUT NOT A SINGER, add to your Lenten observance by focusing on some seasonal music. You might try going to a site such as youtube.com and putting certain words into the search field, see what comes up, and listen to some of the music that is particularly enriching during this season. Try words or titles such as: *Crucifixus. Ave Verum. Crux fidelis. Miserere mei. God so loved the world. If ye love me. As the deer. Sicut cervus. Out of the depths. Stabat Mater. Christus factus est. St. Matthew Passion. Ubi caritas. Tantum ergo.* You will find some music that may truly enhance the season of Lent for you.

Some choral humor - When the Alternative Services Book was published in 1980, some people complained that the language was still not sufficiently modern, and so they provided their own alternative version of one of the best-known Psalms. This change caused great difficulty in the congregational reading of the Psalm, and made the choral singing of it nearly impossible:

David Lyric Two-Three

The Lord and I are in a shepherd/sheep situation, and I am in a position of negative need. He prostrates me in a green belt grazing area; he conducts me directionally parallel to non-torrential aqueous liquid. He returns to original satisfaction levels my psychological make-up; he switches me on to a positive behavioural format for maximal prestige of his identity. It should indeed be said that notwithstanding the fact that I make ambulatory progress through the umbrageous inter-hill mortality slot, terror-sensations will not be instantiated within me due to paraethical phenomena. Your pastoral walking aid and quadruped pickup unit introduce me into a pleaurific mood-state. You design and produce a nutriment-bearing furniture-type structure in the context of non-cooperative elements; you act out a head-related folk ritual employing vegetable extract; my beverage utensil experiences a volume crisis. It is an on-going deductible fact that your inter-relational empathetical and non-vengeance capabilities will retain me as their target focus for the duration of my non-death period; and I will possess tenant rights in the housing unit of the Lord on a permanently open-ended time basis.(from <http://www.gundulf.org.uk>)

Let's ALL play: National Inclusion Project workshop offered

All are invited to come learn about the latest practices aimed at including people of all abilities in church programs during this one-day accessibility workshop on February 11. Participants will also gain resources and have opportunities to brainstorm ways to include and incorporate children and youth with disabilities into existing activities. The workshop will include training on helping children build lifelong friendships and achieve positive behaviors, serving families effectively and creating accessible activities.

Registration is at

http://www.dionc.org/digital_faith/events/2350084 Cost is \$10. The workshop

will be held at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Raleigh.

Absalom Jones Celebration Service

On Sunday, February 19, at 4:00 PM, St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church, Oxford will host the Annual Absalom Jones Commemoration for the Diocese. Absalom Jones was the first African-American ordained as an Episcopal priest. Bishop Michael Curry will both preach and preside at this festival, featuring the "St Cyprian's Mass," commissioned by the Holy Comforter-St Cyprian Catholic Church (Chicago) Gospel Choir and Orchestra. A reception will follow.

Healing Toward Wholeness: Our Faith Communities and Mental Illness

Friday, March 2nd, St. Thomas More Church in Chapel Hill. Keynote speakers the Rev. Dr. Craig Rennebohm and Dr. Michael Fuller. Three breakout sessions on: 1) what caretakers and consumer need from their faith communities, 2) faith communities and social justice for the mentally ill, and 3) Organizing a faith group mental health team. www.faitheconnectionsonmentalillness.org . More information and registration materials in Sprague Room.

St. Luke's Spring Fling on March 3rd

Please remember to save items for this year's event, which has been moved back to Spring – March 3rd. We will; need your donations of clean, useable items like toys, books, kitchen items, furniture, sporting goods, tools, household items, small appliances and crafts. No clothing or shoes, please! All proceeds from this sale will go to a very worthy cause – St. Luke's Outreach efforts. If you have any questions, please contact Karen or Andy McDaniel at amcdaniel20@nc.rr.com or 477-1958.

It's BBQ Time Again – March 3rd!

As an additional outreach fundraiser, St. Luke's will be selling 1 pound containers of "church-cooked" barbeque on the day of the Spring Yard Sale: Saturday, March 3rd. The BBQ will be available for pick-up between 11:00 am and 1 pm.

Look for a volunteer sign-up sheet in the Sprague Room, along with order forms you can take with you. Take a form with you, sign up your friends, neighbors and coworkers, and enjoy delicious "Episcopal Q" while supporting the many outreach activities of St. Luke's! Ask John Hodges-Copple if you have any questions. (688-9590 or copple@mindspring.com)

A few tips on easy steps to increase our sales:

1. Does your neighborhood have an email listserv? Send out an email inviting people to contact you to place orders.
2. Why not host a dinner at your house on March 3rd and invite friends over to eat some delicious BBQ?
3. Ask your co-workers if they'd like some. It refrigerates and freezes well so you can deliver it to them the next Monday at work.

Alternative Gifts Fair 2011 Results

I am delighted to report the results of our 20th Annual Alternative Gifts Fair! It was a great success and I thank Elaine Scagnelli, Patricia LeMoine and Tara Hopkins and their various crews for all the great help in this transition year. It's been a great 20 years bringing this to St. Luke's and I know it's being left in good hands. Please offer your help to Elaine and Patricia! Our thanks to you all for the surprise and honor of the Pass the Torch Awards we received last Sunday. And the *Sacred Earth* book has put some new places on our travel radar! Thanks to you all for your support and friendship through these years. Jean and John

AGF 2011 Totals
Advent Calendars \$97
American Red Cross \$459
Bishop's Blend Coffee \$953
Church World Service \$132
Crayons2Calculators \$335
Cribs for Kids \$200
Duke Homecare & Hospice \$520
Duke Peds Bone Marrow Family Support \$305
ERD \$878 final total \$1550 = 129 nets
Habitat for Humanity of Durham \$350
HEIFER \$2,615
Holy Cross Educational Foundation \$110
Housing for New Hope \$835
Interfaith Food Shuttle \$25
Interfaith Hospitality Network \$115
Maple Court VA Transitional Housing \$85
Meals on Wheels \$330 plus \$35+ Sr. Santa gifts
One World Market \$1,103 OWM donated 10% (\$110) to our Outreach fund
Recyclique \$228.50
Share Your Christmas \$245
Society of St. Andrew \$98
St. Luke's Cookbooks \$84
Threshold \$210
Uniting NC \$220
Urban Ministries of Durham \$470
Usborne Books \$187.97 Plus online orders = 9 free books for Holy Cross
WISER \$330
Other donations \$230.53
Total \$11,751.50

Successful NetsforLife Campaign

On behalf of the NetsforLife Inspiration Fund, Episcopal Relief and Development, the Diocese of North Carolina, and children of sub-Saharan Africa, thank you, St. Luke's, for contributing to our very successful NetsforLife campaign.

Last year at Diocesan Convention, when this campaign kicked off, Bishop Curry said that we were launching a capital campaign, not to build buildings, but a campaign so that people could live. St. Luke's got it: you understood the concept; you embraced the need; you opened your hearts and your checkbooks; and you pledged that things would get better.

Some of the donations to our Nets fund came from Vacation Bible School, the Outreach Committee, and a benefit concert given by Joe Hensley and his brother Sam. But most of our nets were purchased through individual donations, including a child's bake sale and money from piggy banks. Nets were purchased in memory of spouses, parents and children. Nets were purchased in honor of children from adults to new babies. Nets were purchased in honor of grandchildren, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. Nets were purchased in honor of a father for Father's Day, a friend's 60th birthday, and a mother-in-law. Nets were purchased in thanksgiving for having survived malaria contracted as a child.

Across the Diocese of NC, approximately 30,000 mosquito nets (75% of the ambitious goal) were bought and will save at least 90,000 lives.

The best news is that at St. Luke's YOU bought **434 nets!** Because of your generosity, over 1300 children in Africa will not die from malaria. Thanks be to God.

Mark your calendars:

The 38th annual Durham CROP Hunger Walk will be April 1, 2:30 p.m., at Duke Chapel. Look for information in the next month about joining this year's St. Luke's hunger-fighting team. If you want to help us coordinate this year's team, contact the church office.

Belize 2012

The teams have had their last group meeting and plans are underway for packing all the donations so now it's only the waiting and anticipation! The following folks are heading to Belize and Holy Cross Anglican School to represent you and do St. Luke's work in the world. Please remember them all in your daily prayers.

Team 1 – leaving Fri, Feb. 3rd 6:50 a.m. – Joyce Avery, Robert Autry, Denise Beaver, Holly Hodges, Joanne Hooker, Jan Lamb, Anna Lawson, Camille Marlowe, Doug Marlowe, Bob Moore, Clara Murray, Linda Perry, Wayne Wagoner, Jean Willard and John Willard. They will return Sat, Feb. 11th. Joyce Avery, Clara Murray, Jean Willard and John Willard will remain for the second week.

Team 2 - leaving Fri, Feb. 10th 7:05 a.m. – Bob Atwell, Ginny Atwell, Kathy Chapman, Scott Chapman, Virginia Daschbach, Peter Jacobi, Sandra Jacobi, Jim Short and Paul Welty will join Joyce, Clara, Jean and John. They will return Sat. Feb. 28th.

We will be working with students, working on construction and maintenance projects, doing heights, weights and vision screenings and medical checkups for designated students at Holy Cross. Some will also be working in the PolyClinic and doing home visits for San Mateo residents. Plus, we'll be having a great time getting to know each other and renewing friendships with locals. We will attempt to keep you in the loop and up to date with their blog. Please visit it often to see how St. Luke's is doing in Belize. You can access it by going to the St. Luke's website at www.stlukesdurham.org and then clicking on blogs in the upper red banner and then clicking on St. Luke's in Belize Blog. That will take you right to the most recent entry. Just scroll down for older entries. We'll be sharing pictures, stories and adventures to help you feel more a part of this St. Luke's happening. Please know you will be in our daily prayers as we gather together each evening for reflections and worship. We all thank you for your continuing support of this work.

Labels for Education

Have you unknowingly been throwing away Labels or Box Tops that your child's school are collecting? I found a Label For Education on the side of my Honey Bunches of Oats cereal box. I asked Lucy Hensley if her school, Morehead Montessori, collects them. Sure enough, they are! I'm adopting Lucy and her school to give my Labels For Education to.

If you have no one to give yours to, Lucy and I gladly volunteer to give them to a child or school of your choice.

June C. Santa
Lucy Hensley

Thanks to all

Cindy and I want to thank all the congregation members who helped "de-green" the church. Everything went smoothly and quickly because of your help. Again, many thanks.

Anetta Annis

Dear St. Luke's Family,
Over the past month our family has been overwhelmed by the comforting words, private times with clergy, hugs, calls, emails, and cards. My mother's death came at an intense time during the church calendar. Nevertheless, during that busy time, so many made sure our family knew we were loved. St. Luke's is a grace-filled parish that cares. Bill, the girls, and I are eternally grateful for your many kindnesses. God Bless you all.

Valleri Callahan

Financial Update

| December | YTD |
|-------------|--------------|
| Income | |
| \$41,473.09 | \$439,439.86 |
| Expenses | |
| \$35,800.23 | \$421,188.36 |

Senior Warden's Report

The Vestry held its annual mini-retreat on Saturday, January 7, starting with a service of Morning Prayer in the Children's Chapel. The majority of the time at the meeting was devoted to the final report from the Dream Team on their work and the dreams that came out of it. Over the next few weeks, the Vestry will continue the Dream Team's work of sorting, clarifying, analyzing, and prioritizing these Dreams. In addition, many Dreams will be referred to other groups for further work, then come back to the Vestry with more details. Because of their scope, their urgency, or the degree to which they came to the Vestry "shovel-ready", some of the Dreams are either already being implemented or will be very soon. Look for more on these Dreams in the next few months. In addition to the Dreams, the Vestry addressed several other items at the meeting:

- We elected wardens and officers for 2012: myself as Senior Warden, Scott Chapman as Junior Warden, Hope Galunas as Treasurer, and Monnie Riggin as Clerk.
- We finalized our Vestry responsibilities for 2012 and *almost* finished the task of recruiting committee chairs and ministry leaders from the parish for 2012.
- We began considering a proposal for directing the remaining funds from the school account into a set of more permanent "buckets".
- Finally, we approved \$2000 per year of financial support for the Latino/a Educational Achievement Project (**LEAP**) program for the next two years.

Bob Moore, Senior Warden

Bulletin Board

The deadline for the March newsletter will be February 19.

Change of Address

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Beth Bonner – 919-383-3265

Elaine Scagnelli and Chuck Eilber
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Parish Register

We give thanks and pray for those having birthdays during the month of February

- 1 – Audrey Cook
- 2 – Rosemary Oates, Wynn Cherry, David Blankfard
- 3 – Connie Johnson, Kelley Lawton
- 4 – Tom McIntosh, Brenna Trollinger, Kelsey Trollinger
- 6 – Terrie Blalock
- 9 – Anne D'Amico, Julie D'Amico, Joelle Trollinger
- 10 – CV Conner, Stephen Dedrick
- 11 – Gin Brown
- 13 – Nick O'Leary
- 16 – Kathleen Trollinger, Robert Nelson, III
- 18 – David Haley
- 20 – Lauren Kretz
- 23 – Jim Shreve, Jan Freeman, Ben Evans, Caralyn Evans
- 24 – Phoebe Brinskelle
- 25 – Julia Todd
- 27 – Karen Stirrup
- 28 – Hay Brown, Brian Hendrix, Annabeth Bass



The Churches of the Durham Convocation

present

A Lenten Reflection Day

Saturday, February 25

9:30 AM-3:00 PM

The Church of the Holy Family, Chapel Hill

with

The Rev. Dr.s Jo Bailey and. Sam Wells



Who

Join men and women from parishes of the Durham Convocation for a Lenten day of reflection with the Rev. Dr. Jo Bailey Wells, and her husband, the Rev. Dr. Samuel Wells. Jo Wells is an Associate Professor of the Practice of Christian Ministry and Bible at Duke Divinity School and is the Director of the Anglican Episcopal House of Studies there. Sam serves as Dean of Duke Chapel and Research Professor of Christian Ethics at Duke Divinity School. Attendance is limited so registering early will insure you a place.

What

During our day of reflection, Sam and Jo will lead us in exploring four characters central to biblical narratives of the first Holy Week. The presentations will be based on Sam's book, *Power and Passion: Six Characters in Search of Resurrection*, which was selected by the Archbishop of Canterbury as his 'Lenten Book' for 2007. Copies of *Power and Passion* will be available for purchase throughout the day. A vegetarian sack lunch is included as part of the registration cost. Opportunities for silent reflection and for corporate worship will also be a part of our day together.

Where

The Church of the Holy Family is located on Hayes Road which runs parallel to Highway 15-501 Bypass in Chapel Hill. Coming from Durham, stay on the 15-501 Bypass as you approach Chapel Hill. Go past Eastgate Shopping Center and University Mall which are both on your right. Continue less than one mile and Holy Family will be on your left requiring you to cross the highway. From Hillsborough, take I-40 East, exit at 15-501 going south. Follow above directions from exit.

How

You may register on line with a credit card at <http://lentenreflectionday.eventzilla.net> or complete the form below and return to The Chapel of the Cross, Attention: Gretchen Jordan no later than February 20 with a check for \$10.00 made payable to COTC earmarked Lenten Day. Questions may be addressed to Gretchen Jordan, 919-929-2193.

PAPER REGISTRATION FORM

Attach a check made payable for \$10.00 to The Chapel of the Cross earmarked "LENTEN DAY" and mail to the church at 304 East Franklin Street, Chapel Hill, NC, 27514, Attention: Gretchen Jordan

Name _____

Parish _____

Contact (phone and/or email) _____



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Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: Tuesday, February 21 from 5-7 p.m.

This Mardi Gras meal happens in Johnson Hall. Our EYC youth group will start serving at 5:00 (for the early birds). We will pause at some point in the evening to sing one last Alleluia and bury the Alleluia banner and burn palms for our Ash Wednesday ashes. Cost for the dinner is \$5, \$3 for children 6-12. Kids under 6 can eat with an adult for free. Dinner includes pancakes, bacon, applesauce, coffee and juice. Pastor Joe will juggle as well! This event also aims to raise money for EYC activities and youth mission trips (so extra donations will be welcome!).

Ash Wednesday: February 22



Holy Eucharist and imposition of ashes at St. Luke's
7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. 7 p.m.

Holy Eucharist and imposition of ashes at Croasdaile
11 a.m.

New fundraising opportunity for the EYC

Mission Trip to Montana: SCRIP

What is Scrip?

SCRIP...what's that?... and how could it possibly help us? Scrip actually means anything used in the place of money. In this case we are talking about gift cards from local and national vendors. ***How does this translate into a fundraising program for our EYC?***

Here are a few things that it doesn't mean! ...**No door to door selling!** No boxes of merchandise to ask our friends, family and neighbors to purchase. No embarrassment when it arrives and we must deliver it back to the families who were generous enough to purchase something they didn't want or need in the first place!!!

This is a program that allows each family to make a choice to direct their normal monthly purchases for essentials...milk, eggs, gas, clothing,etc, to those stores that will partner with our church. **It is that simple. No selling, no extra expense, just focused spending.** **Spending that brings profit to our program.**

Check out the potential this program brings to our EYC in the graph on the following page!

How does this program work?

UnitedScrip purchases millions of dollars worth of gift cards (SCRIP) yearly from national vendors. Our church purchases these same cards from UnitedScrip at a discount. We in turn offer this scrip to our families at face value. You receive dollar for dollar the value of cash for these items. Example: \$50 of a gas debit card will purchase \$50 of gas at any of its pumps, nationwide.

IT'S THAT SIMPLE!

How do I order?

Go online to www.scripzone.com, or pick up an order form in the church office. Take a look at the gift cards available and think about your month. Where will you shop this week? Where will you eat out? What essentials will you need? Does the car need gas? Who has a birthday party coming up? Who needs shoes? What groceries do you need?

Register online and place your order OR fill out the order form and return to the church. Checks for all orders need to be received by the order deadline dates each month for the orders to be processed. NOTE: you may pay online by credit card BUT this diminishes the profit to the EYC and may limit what you are able to order.

Easy Steps

- Go online to www.scripzone.com and register. Our group ID is **919286SLE**
- Place your order
- Choose your payment method. Choosing Pay to Group Coordinator means you will need to bring or mail a check to the church by the order deadline. Choosing Credit Card will reduce the profit percentage to the EYC, but is an option for your convenience.
- Pick up the order in the office on approximately the 15th and 30th of each month, or at church on the Sundays after those dates.

Monthly Scrip Schedule

- All orders are due by 12 noon on the 5th and 20th of each month.
- Any orders/payments received after this time will be filled the following cycle.
- Our compiled church-wide order is sent to UnitedScrip by 4pm on/about the 10th and 25th of each month.
- Cards are available for pick up in the office on approximately the 15th and 30th of each month.
- Your group coordinator is Jill Hoffmann, who can be reached at 919-667-4838 or at jillcoach@hotmail.com.

Due to space limitations, paper order forms have limited options for ordering. If you are looking for a particular vendor and don't see it on the paper form, contact Jill Hoffmann to see if it is available.

Our Group ID: 919286SLE

Group Name: St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Team Name: EYC

Do the Math!

| | Family Purchases | # Families | # Months | Total Sales/12 mo. | % | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------|----------|---------------------------------|-------|-------------------------|
| Gas | \$150.00 | 10 | 12 | \$18,000.00 | 2.00% | \$360.00 |
| Grocery | \$350.00 | 10 | 12 | \$42,000.00 | 4.00% | \$1,680.00 |
| Restaurants | \$75.00 | 10 | 12 | \$9,000.00 | 8.00% | \$720.00 |
| Clothing | \$40.00 | 10 | 12 | \$4,800.00 | 8.00% | \$384.00 |
| Home | \$50.00 | 10 | 12 | \$6,000.00 | 3.00% | \$180.00 |
| Total Monthly Family Purchases | | | | \$79,800.00 | | Potential Profit |
| | \$665.00 | | | Total 12/month Purchases | | \$3,324.00 |

10 families will spend over \$79,000 in our community in the next year! It could mean over \$3300 profit for our church...without any additional fundraisers!

Visit us at:

<http://www.unitedscrip.com>

Multiplying our loaves and fishes!