



The Steeple

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UTO INGATHERING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

United Thank Offering Ingathering is Sunday, November 13. As you count your blessing each day, save a coin or two in a designated spot, and then bring your offering to church on Nov. 13. Monies collected here will be combined with other parishes across the U.S. and then given as grants to support mission & ministry needs here and abroad. UTO Blue Boxes & envelopes are available in the Narthex and church office.



Examples of Grant Awards for 2016 include:

\$44,526 granted to Diocese of Delaware with the Companion Diocese of the Dominican Republic to install a solar power system on the Episcopal Church property in Jalonga, which will also generate electricity for a water well. It will provide consistent electricity for the church, community center and bakery and bring relief to the children & families at the Early Learning Program in the church school.

Also \$39,162 granted to the Diocese of Indianapolis for St. Nicholas' Natural Playground & Environmental Education Project to provide grading, landscaping, drainage, fencing and playground equipment for infants and toddlers in an urban setting. Educational opportunities offered through the playground and its gardens will provide fresh produce and take-home kits to use with children.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6

All Saints Day will be celebrated on Sunday, November 6. During the two Sunday services that day, we will remember and thank God for all who have died. The names of the deceased will be read during the liturgy. If you would like to add a name to the list, please email or call the church office, annbell@episcopalbatlesville.org or 918-336-1212 no later than 4:00pm on Wednesday, November 2.



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✓ Important Dates To Remember

- Diocesan Convention, Midwest City, November 3-5.
- All Saints' Sunday, November 6
- UTO Ingathering, Sun., November 13
- Christ the King & Pledge Sunday, November 20

Daylight Savings Time

Ends on Sunday, November 6. Don't forget to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour before going to bed Saturday night, November 5.



Arms Open to the Future!
Coming Soon...



From the Rector...



The week of November 13 will start a new experience in the Sunday Discipleship Forum and Tuesday Spiritual Discipline Group using Richard Rohr's The Naked Now – Learning to See as the Mystics See. Notice I said “experience” and not “study.” Yes, reading is involved and No, becoming a mystic isn't the point – something not just different, but more.

In my journey through college (four years into six), my three seminary years for a Master of Divinity and then my Doctor of Ministry in four years of combined pastoral ministry and seminary, I loved books. Bible commentaries and dictionaries were prizes for me along with books on the original languages of Hebrew and Greek. I also love systematic theology and book after book was added to my collection. I was eager to learn and grow in my knowledge of the Christian faith, history and Bible. All the while I was increasingly immersed in on the job training about church life in terms of pastoral care, preaching and prayer as well as administration and leadership – well beyond seminary.

As I look at my personal library in the office, I am aware I cannot bring all of it home and expect to put it all on display again. Indeed, most of the books referenced above have little meaning to me now – though I value what I learned from them. Even before I moved beyond my “previous life” I began to collect a different kind of writings – spirituality, social justice, parables, saints, liturgy, meditations and more. I suspect these are the books I will mostly likely keep because they are the ones that helped me grow beyond my head and more in my heart and spirit. Indeed, they led me beyond knowledge to experience.

I think one of the reasons Paul Young's book, The Shack, became so popular is because it stirred something in the souls of many readers. We experienced something of God that was fresh, challenging, personal and redeeming – even transformative with each reading.

In recent years I have come to the point of reading more for experience than knowledge. Sure, learning is still important. However, “experiences” of God personally, in others and through resources can truly transform us from the inside out little by little – there are no shortcuts.

This narrative is intended as a reflection on my journey, but more importantly to be an invitation to join in new experiences of God and way of life offered in The Naked Now. There are three parts to the book and I plan on two sessions for each part – participants should plan on reading each part at least twice. This six week series will lead us through Advent.

Here is a description of Rohr's book: “The enlightenment you seek in other religions has been present in Christianity from the beginning. Richard Rohr, a global leader in spiritual awakening, helps you recognize the forces (such as ego resistance and dual thinking) that separate you from your deeper self. Then drawing from the Gospels and the greatest Christian contemplatives, he show you what it means to be spiritually awake.”

The Naked Now, *Learning to See as the Mystics See*, was one of the resources I used on my recent retreat. This was a marvelous experience and resource I want to share with others. Come, let us journey together for six weeks and beyond.

Blessings,

Fr. Lee+

Weekly Activity Calendar

Sunday, November 6, 2016

All Saints Sunday

8:00am Rite I

9:15am Sunday School Classes

10:30am Rite II

Monday, November 7, 2016

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, November 8, 2016

10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group,
library

Wednesday, November 9, 2016

6-8pm Young Disciples, RH

7:00pm Choir

Thursday, November 10, 2016

6:45am Men's Fellowship, MH

10:00am Crafting Our Prayers

12:00pm Holy Eucharist

Friday, November 11, 2016

Saturday, November 12, 2016

Sunday, November 13, 2016

UTO Ingathering

8:00am Rite I

9:15am Sunday School Classes

10:30am Rite II

Monday, November 14, 2016

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

7:15pm Vestry Mtg.

CRAFTING OUR PRAYERS
will be meeting every Thursday
morning at 10:00. We meet in
the Vestry Room for prayer,
fellowship, and working with
our hands. Come join us.

Adult Discipleship Forum

THE NAKED NOW

Learning to See as the

Mystics See

By Fr. Richard Rohr

This is the resource Fr. Lee will be using with the Sunday Discipleship Forum and the Tuesday Morning Spiritual Direction Group starting the week of November 13. The books will be available in St. Luke's Bookstore. The chapters are divided into three parts in the book. Two sessions will be given to each part and participants are asked to read each part in advance twice. A description of Rohr's book is provided in “From the Rector” this week.

ST. LUKE'S PRAYER LIST

Please keep them in your prayers
*Names on the Prayer List are
rotated off every 4 weeks.*

*If there is need for continued
prayers, please let us know.)*

Mike, Peggy, Jeanne, Kristen, Bob,
Ellie, Carmen, Donna, Jim, Helen,
Mary, Elizabeth, Emma, Bid,
Georgia, Glenn, Max, Cory, and all
members of our armed forces and
their families.

*If you have a prayer request,
contact our Prayer Ministry*

*Coordinator Thelma Blackburn 918-
333-7902 or TPBGEN@aol.com or
the church office at 918-336-1212
or annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org.*

PIES FOR CONCERN THANKSGIVING BASKETS



St. Luke's is supplying
the pies for the
CONCERN Center's
Thanksgiving baskets. We have
committed to supply 200 frozen
pies (pumpkin, cherry, apple) by
Sunday, November 13. Please
bring pies to the church and put
them in the upright freezer in the
closet in the northwest corner of
Metcalf Hall. Questions? Contact
Tim Simmons, 918-841-1120 or
tzsimmons@cablone.net. Thank
you!

Prayer for the New Rector Search Process



Please continue to pray for
our Search Committee and
Vestry during their
discernment process for St.
Luke's next Rector.

Prayer for the Selection of a New Rector

*Almighty God, giver of every good gift:
Look graciously on your Church, and so
guide the minds of those who shall
choose a rector for this parish, that we
may receive a faithful pastor, who will
care for your people and equip us for
our ministries. Through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.*



Door News The South Entry Doors are being finished (as in painted and varnished) this week—weather permitting, of course.

The double doors in the hallway between the new building and old building no longer have an alarm connection to them. I suggest we still lock those doors, but if they are left ajar no security issue is raised. I, as the person who gets the 11pm phone call, think this is just swell!

I have several times mentioned the lights in the church being left on. Now, I seriously doubt we have a ghost, so it must be human error. Yesterday (Sunday, October 30) the lights in the upstairs hall and a classroom were left on sometime after 3 pm because that is when Hugh left the church. Do I need to go around and put some sort of silly sign by all the switches? No, I just want people who turn on the lights to turn them off, especially in "off" periods of the church, like after hours. Thanks!

*Steve Forsythe, Parish Administrator
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Fall Sale in St. Luke's Bookstore



The Bookstore is having a big fall sale. All through November, all crosses, pictures, and jewelry will be 25% off. There will be a 50% off table with new items added every week. Also if you check out our back room, our new Christmas items are coming in and being priced. You can get first choice during this sale. Be sure to check us out every week.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...!

On Sunday, December 18 at the 10:30 service, our children will be performing a Christmas play called "How to Teach a Lamb to Sing." If your child will be in town that Sunday and would like to participate, please join us for Sunday School starting this Sunday morning, November 6 at 9:15. The children will meet with Dolores from 9:15-9:30 each week to learn their lines and special instructions. We need our little performers to attend most of the practices if this is something they want to be a part of. While your child is practicing for this play, you can join our **Young Adult Bible Study** in the Vestry Room (Rm. 216)!

Organic – a Musical Experience offered by the Bartlesville Choral Society

John Rutter's musical setting of the eternally and spirit-moving text of *The Requiem* is one of the 20th century's most beloved choral works. Accompanied by organ and a small instrumental ensemble, Rutter's *Requiem* never fails to touch the hearts of both the performers and those who hear the words and the music.

The Bartlesville Choral Society is both proud and humbled to perform this beautiful *Requiem* setting as the final work in their coming concert, Sunday, November 6th at 2 p.m. in the Bartlesville Community Center. General admission tickets are available at the BCC box office.

Also featured in this concert will be the premier of a work commissioned by the Choral Society. *And Can It Be*, composed by Dr. Roger Price of the Tulsa University faculty, also features accompaniment by the instrumental ensemble and organ. Dr. Price grew up and attended school in Bartlesville.

St. Luke's people participating in the Choral Society's concert include: Tom Chamberlain, Diana Farris, Ada Grillot, and Dolores McCreary – accompanist for the group.

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 11/6/16 through 11/13/16

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

Acolytes

Nov. 6

Servers

Harald Borg, Robert Boyle

Torchbearers

Kimaya Kindred, Emma Perry

Nov. 13

Servers

Ruth Todd, Grace Mitchell

Torchbearers

Keaton Mitchell, Evan Mitchell

**Scripture Lessons for
Sunday, Nov. 6**

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Psalm 149;

Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31

Music for Sunday, Nov. 6

#287 – "For All the Saints"

#293 – "I Sing a Song of the
Saints of God"

#487 (text) – "Come, My Way, My
Truth, My Life"

#304 – "I Come With Joy to Meet
My Lord"

#618 – *Ye Watchers an Ye Holy
Ones*"

Greeters

Sunday, Nov. 6

8:00am

Don Davidson

10:30am

Glenn & Thelma Blackburn

Sunday, Nov. 13

8:00am

Don Doty

10:30am

Debbie & Dennis
Mueggenborg

Ushers

Sunday, Nov. 6

8:00am

Steve Forsythe, Dean Zervas

10:30am

Hugh Harrison, Tim Simmons

Sunday, Nov. 13

8:00am

Don Davidson, Michael Kemp

10:30am

Brian Ferguson, Jim Warring

Layreaders

Sunday, Nov. 6

8:00am

Scott Williams, Jim Grillot

10:30am

Judy Currey, Lynda Stephens

Kate Carroll, Bob Wesneski

Sunday, Nov. 13

8:00am

Kate Carroll, Scott Williams

10:30am

Juanita Green, Nick Conner

Bob Wesneski

Coffee Fellowship Hour

Nov. 6

Jean Oliver

Nov. 13

Chad & Blair Ellis

Nov. 20

Glenda Garrison

To volunteer, contact Rita

Childers, 918-519-8470 or

puevey45@gmail.com

St. Luke's Bookstore

*The Bookstore is open
Sundays between the two
services and after the
10:30 service. All proceeds
from sales go to St. Luke's
Outreach Projects.*

***To volunteer, contact**
Melinda Wesneski,
918-333-7758 or
mcwesne@gmail.com.

Children's Chapel

Nov. 6

Heather Boyle, Bob Tedstrom

Nov. 13

Jeanne Julstrom, Travis Sutton

Nov. 20

Blair & Chad Ellis

Agape Mission

2nd Thursday,

Nov. 10

9-11am

Jeanne Julstrom,

John McCollum

10:45am-1pm

Kris Bonner, Rita Childers,

Becky Liehr, Kathy Zervas,

Marcia Zervas

1-2:45pm

Melinda Droege,

Miriam Petrovich

Nursery Volunteers

Nov. 6

Travis Sutton

Nov. 13

Natalie Conner

Nov. 20

Barbara Todd

Sunday Plate Counter

Nov. 6

Amy Borg

Nov. 13

Bruce Ramzel

Nov. 20

Steve Clark

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have articles that
you would like printed in
The Steeple to the church
office no later than
Tuesdays at 10am.

Thank you!

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