Words from the Warden: Help for Hugh

As most of you now know, our Assistant Sexton, Hugh Harrison is suffering from stage 4 lung cancer. He is undergoing treatment as we speak and has been battling the disease for some time. A fund has been set up for both Hugh and Virginia to assist them with any expenses not covered by their insurance or medical aid that has been received from the hospital. If you find it in your heart to donate to this fund, you may do so by writing your checks made out to the H and V Fund. These checks can be taken to the church office and they will be deposited on their behalf. This account will be managed by Steve Clark on Hugh’s and Virginia’s behalf. Remember, these donations are not tax deductible but any assistance you give them will be greatly appreciated. Please prayerfully consider this donation as inreach for one of our own.

Faithfully yours,
Kathy
Deacon’s Dialogue

As we are glued to the news and the internet, watching our Texas friends flood, dry out, and begin the long recovery process, we are touched by the many instances of people of every walk helping all those in need. This is humanity, this is brotherhood, this is the Christ in one touching the Christ in the other. My heart and head want to be down in Texas, in the midst of the mess, helping and digging and providing what relief I can.

But this is not quite the time for that. Right now, the neighbors to the south need our financial help as much as anything. 120,000 cars were lost, people are without decent drinking water, homes are ruined, possessions are strewn everywhere. Shipments of food, water, diapers, clothing, and basic necessities are important. The best place to contribute is through Episcopal Relief and Development. All the money contributed goes right to those in need.

You can mail checks to:
Episcopal Relief and Development
PO Box 7058
Merrifield, VA 22116-7058

or you can contribute online at www.episcopalrelief.org

There will be a time for those of us who can to go to Texas and help. Stay tuned.

In other needs, Concern continues to need our financial and concrete support. Their shelves got very empty in the last few weeks. As they use some of our monetary contributions to make their very modest payroll, we can help by bringing canned and boxed goods into the church. Put your contributions in the hallway next to Metcalf. I challenge each of us to bring in 2 bags of groceries this week.

And of course our own. Please continue your prayers for our Hugh and Virginia. His health battle continues, and he stands in need of our constant care. Connie Freebern is in charge of being sure they have meals. Contact her if you’d like to help (918-914-1155). If you’d like to contribute to their financial needs, please make the check out to “H and V fund” and leave it in the church office.

The needs are many and deep. Prayer is the most important thing. For each of our specific needs mentioned above, for the needs of our family and ourselves, for our community, the nation and the world, we must pray every day. Prayer matters. It gives us guidance, opens doors, reassures us of God’s presence in every step we take. Please pray diligently and consistently.

In Christ’s love.
Rev. Lauri
**ST. LUKE’S PRAYER LIST**

Please keep the following persons in your prayers:
Elizabeth, Jenny, Sue, Jim, Kris, Max, John, Samantha, Hugh, Kenny, Bev, Debra, Diana, 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 office@episcopalbartlesville.org.*

(Names on the Prayer List are rotated off every 4 weeks. If there is need for continued prayers, please let us know.)

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**In the Beginning God Created**

**News for Joyful Noise Children!**

Imagine this wonderful, exciting retelling of the Creation Story using all the fun musical instruments (yes, the tuneful ones and the noisy ones!) to announce each new act of Creation! And if you are one of the “Joyful Noise” children who come to Sunday School by 9:15 a.m. you will be one of the lucky ones who get to choose which instrument for day, night, moon, sun, and imagine what you would use for all those great animals! Get a head start on remembering the story. Read the 1st chapter of Genesis - the 1st book of the Bible. Looking forward to seeing all our children Sunday at 9:15.

Interested or just curious adults are also welcome! We have instruments in abundance!

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**Responding to Hurricane Harvey**

Long ago the prophet Malachi taught that we are all children of God by virtue of our creation by the same God. “Have we not all one father? Has not one God created us?” he asked (2:10). Jesus taught the same thing when he told a story about a Good Samaritan. We are indeed all the children of God. And if we are all God’s children, then we are all brothers and sisters.

As you know, our brothers and sisters in Texas now need our help. Our support of Episcopal Relief and Development is a tangible, practical, effective and reliable way to do that, not just in the short term, but for the long haul. You can send a donation to assist those in need to:

- The Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma
- Attn: Hurricane Relief
- 924 North Robinson
- Oklahoma City, OK 73102

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**Family Promise Needs You! Sept. 10-17**

This coming Sunday, September 10th, we will begin our week of hosting Family Promise families at St. Luke’s. We have 4 critical volunteer roles left to fill. Please check your calendars and see if you could spare a couple of hours to this wonderful program. Please contact Jen Peterson ASAP if you are available to help! 918-397-7779 jenrpet1971@gmail.com

- **Evening Host 7-9pm**
  - Friday, Sep 15th - need 2 volunteers

- **Overnight host 9pm to 6am following morning**
  - Wednesday, Sep 13th - need one volunteer
  - Thursday, Sep 14th - need one female volunteer

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Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions

Acolytes
September 10
Ruth Todd, Keaton Mitchell, Evan Mitchell
September 17
Nick Olsen, Greta Olsen, Charlie Olsen, Madelyn Stuart

Scripture Lessons for September 10
Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

Music for September 10
#610 "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"
"Have You Seen Jesus My Lord?"
#306 "Come Risen Lord and Deign to be Our Guest"
#312 "Strengthen for Service Lord"
#427 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

Greeters
September 10
8:00am
Don Doty
10:30am
Debbie & Dennis Mueggenborg

September 17
8:00am
Monica Martin
10:30am
Carol Murphy

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 Connie Freebern
connie.freebern@yahoo.com
918-914-1155

Sunday Coffee Fellowship Hour
September 10
Volunteers Needed

September 17
Volunteers Needed

September 24
Young Disciples
To volunteer see the sign-up sheet in the Metcalf Hall kitchen or contact Rita Childers, 918-519-8470 or puvey45@gmail.com

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!

Sunday Plate Counter
September 10
Bruce Ramzel
September 17
Steve Clark
September 24
Jim Grillot

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