

# The Steeple

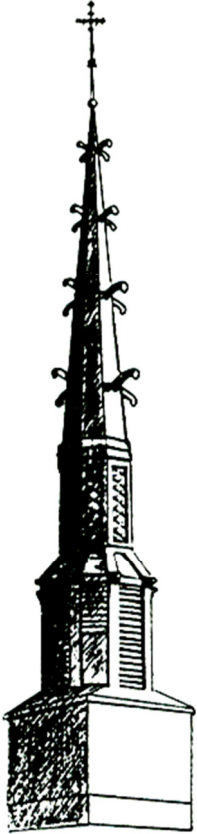
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## WORDS FROM THE WARDEN

Last Sunday, I proclaimed the day to be called "**Bob Sunday.**" We celebrated the unselfish giving of **TWO** Bobs. Bob Wesneski stepped into the role of interim secretary several weeks before Ann retired and before we had found anyone permanent to replace her. About one month later, Robyn came on board and he has graciously taken the time to train her in the job. The office and the people that work in it, as everyone knows, is the heart of the church and without him there is no telling what chaos might have ensued. He has managed to hold everything together in his quiet, very thorough and unassuming way. We are forever grateful, Bob!

Our other Bob we celebrated is, of course, Fr. Bob Gates. He came out of his fourth retirement to guide us through this transition time before Fr. Steve arrived. He allowed us to stay in our comfort zone a little while longer. It is wonderful to have had an interim priest who we know and love-- who is already an integral part of our parish family. Altar Guild Directress, Becky Liehr gave him a beautiful framed linen that was a veil used for covering the reserve sacraments as a remembrance of his unselfish love for us. Thanks be to God for you, Fr. Bob!

And now, as Fr. Steve has arrived, we embark on a new and exciting adventure in our church life. I, for one, look forward to what the future may hold for St. Luke's. As always, I am

Faithfully yours,

Kathy Zervas

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### ***Important Dates To Remember***

Fr. Steve's First Sunday, Oct. 8  
Deadline for Luncheon R.S.V.P, Oct 13  
St. Luke's Day, Oct 15

## DEACON'S DIALOGUE



The responsibility of being called to any ministry is no small matter. With such responsibility comes amazing privilege. Sometimes just being in the presence of our peers is an awesome experience.

Mike and I attended a preaching workshop two weeks ago. The presenter was Cynthia Kittredge, Dean of the Seminary of the Southwest (in Austin) and author of a number of books. She is described as a scholar of the New Testament. We sat in awe and listened and learned about Mark

all day. I came away with full head and heart. (Mark will be our lectionary focus in this coming liturgical year).

I am often amazed at what people know. Having lived most of my adult life in a classroom with 10 and 11 year olds, I suspect I have a vast knowledge of children and their behavior patterns. Such knowledge has limited use "in the real world." But I surely don't know half of what many of my colleagues know about theological and Biblical "stuff." It is a humbling experience, but enriching in every way, to listen to conversations about Mark from Markan scholars. We have some really smart clergy in this diocese! Cynthia's presentation and slant on Mark will show up in future homilies-- Fair warning.

For now, I'm reflective on the deepness of our collective experiences and knowledge. Together we are amazing. To me, that is what church is about. We come together and speak of our love for God, our experiences of the spiritual and the mystical, our belief in what is true and right and good. We teach our children what we know and they build on that, our experiences becoming part of the collective wisdom of the church. That is how the Bible was written; that is how the church was formed, the liturgy designed, the great hymns created. Group wisdom, group insight, group sharing grows the church and makes us rich and closer to God than we ever dreamed possible.

We must keep in mind this process. When life closes in, when we feel threatened or distressed, when God seems remote we must turn again to our inherited wisdom. We will find support, truth, guidance, and far more wealth than any bank might hold.

I have a few suggestions as we use October and November to prepare for our next liturgical year. Read Mark. Read it all the way through, perhaps with a glass of wine. Read it out loud, if you can. Then find an interesting book on Mark and read that. Two that I suggest are *Mark's Jesus* by Elizabeth Struthers Malbon; and *In the Company of Jesus*, also by Malbon. If you'd like a study on one of those books, talk to a clergy person. We can do that! You will be enriched as you listen to next year's homilies, your take on the homilies will be changed, and the church will be strengthened by your wisdom.

Deacon Lauri

## WEEKLY ACTIVITY CALENDAR

### **Sunday, Oct 8, 2017**

8:00am Rite I  
9:15am Sunday School  
9:15am Clergy Forum  
9:45am Choir Rehearsal  
10:30am Rite II  
Fr. Steve's First Sunday  
12:00pm Reception for the Hood Family

### **Monday, Oct 9, 2017**

5:30pm Holy Eucharist  
7:15pm Vestry Meeting

### **Tuesday, Oct 10, 2017**

10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group, library  
5:00pm Give Back America, RH

### **Wednesday, Oct 11, 2017**

6:00pm Young Disciples, RH  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, Oct 12, 2017**

6:45am Men's Fellowship, MH  
12:00pm Holy Eucharist

### **Friday, Oct 13, 2017**

### **Saturday, Oct 14, 2017**

6:00pm Casa Hispana Fundraiser

### **Sunday, Oct 15, 2017**

8:00am Rite I  
9:15am Sunday School  
9:15am Clergy Forum  
9:45am Choir Rehearsal  
10:30am Rite II  
8:00am Ministry Fair  
12:00pm St. Luke's Day Luncheon, MH

### **Monday, Oct 16, 2017**

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

### **Tuesday, Oct 17, 2017**

10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group, Library  
5:00pm Give Back America, RH

## ST. LUKE'S PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following persons  
in your prayers:

Elizabeth, Jenny, Sue, Jim, Kris, Max,  
John, Samantha, Hugh, Bev, Diana, Eula,  
Evelyn, Kim, Millie, Madelyn, Raymond,  
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](mailto:TPBGEN@aol.com) or the church office  
at 918-336-1212 or*

*[office@episcopalbartlesville.org](mailto: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.)*

## MINISTRY FAIR COMING SOON!

On October 15 (St. Luke's Day), there will be a grand celebration of who we are as a church. Our ministry fair will include ministries both within and outside of the church. If you are involved in a ministry of any kind, please be sure that your ministry is included in the fair. Your display should include a description of the ministry, what is needed (more volunteers? Donations? Etc.), and who to contact. The displays will be set up on Sunday morning between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Please contact me this week if you are planning a display! I need to know how many tables to have set up. There will be limited (very limited) electrical outlets, so be sure to let me know if you need one. I would like for all the ministries to be represented—we are such a phenomenal church and we need to remind ourselves of that. This will also be a great opportunity for Father Steve to get to know the church and the community. Contact me (Deacon Lauri) by email [lwatkins@episcopalbartlesville.org](mailto:lwatkins@episcopalbartlesville.org) or leave a message for me at the church office.

## Hummmmm

Have you perhaps wondered why the organ prelude for the 10:30 Eucharist often says "Variations on..." and then lists a hymn tune name plus a hymn number? Is it just so you'll think the organist knows what she's doing? Is it so you might become a little more familiar with the hymn tunes in The Hymnal 1982?

Well, there's an even better reason. Notice it usually says see hymn (and then a number) for "meditation text". The hymn texts are a very special gift we have received from those whose wisdom guided the collection of hymns and tunes in our hymnal. It's a great benefit to read the hymn texts in a meditative spirit while listening to the music we will later use in singing these same hymns.

Music has a unique ability to open special pathways into our brains and, more especially, our hearts! Use those pathways to embrace the wondrous hymn texts! And, if you've really never wondered about this, it is hoped you will after reading the above!

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**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be **no** Sunday School on October 22. Public schools are out for Fall Break.

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## A POUNDING & RECEPTION FOR FR. STEVE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

In the old days, we called it a "pounding" when everyone would bring a pound of sugar or flour or some food item for the pantry in celebration of the arrival of a new priest. But lately, I've been getting horrified and puzzled looks when I've mentioned getting together for a "pounding" for Fr. Steve. So, to be clear, Fr. Stephen Hood will be celebrating his first Sunday with us on October 8th along with his family. In honor of his arrival to Bartlesville and St. Luke's, let's help him fill his pantry with paper goods, canned items and maybe a frozen dinner or two. Bring your items to Metcalf Hall on that Sunday and enjoy a reception, hosted by the Vestry for Fr. Steve, Tracy and their children immediately following the 10:30 service.

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## BARBEQUE LUNCHEON – OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

### PLEASE R.S.V.P.

Mark your calendars; Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> is St. Luke's Day. There will be a luncheon at noon in Metcalf Hall. A \$5.00 donation per person is encouraged. Please send a note to [office@episcopalbartlesville.org](mailto:office@episcopalbartlesville.org) or call the church office to let us know how many will be attending. This will be a catered barbeque so please R.S.V.P. by noon on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to celebrating with everyone!!

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**LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE October 8, 2017 through October 15, 2017**

*Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions*

**Acolytes**  
**October 8**

Ruth Todd, Keaton Mitchell, Evan Mitchell

**October 15**

Nick Olsen, Greta Olsen, Kyle Peterson, Madelyn Stuart

**Layreaders**  
**October 8**

8:00am

Kate Carroll, Darian Kedy

10:30am

Penny Williams, Lauren Green

**October 15**

8:00am

Jeff Birk, Jim Grillot

10:30am

Katherine Powell, Judy Currey

**Nursery Volunteers**  
**October 8**

Stefanie Tedstrom

**October 15**

Barbara Todd

**October 22**

Diana Crawford & Dorsie Bjornsen

**Hugh & Virginia**  
**Meal Preparation**

**October 4**

DJ & Jerry Nezam

**October 6**

Sarah Winn

**October 9**

Ann Bell

**October 11**

Glenda Garrison

**October 13**

Jeanne Julstrom

**Scripture Lessons for**  
**October 8**

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

**Music for October 8**

#637 – "How Firm a Foundation"

#670 – "Lord, For Ever at Thy

Side"

Gather #344 – "Behold the Lamb of God"

Gather #346 – "One Bread, One Body"

#494 – "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

**Sunday Coffee Fellowship Hour**  
**October 8**

Vestry

**October 15**

St. Luke's Day

**October 22**

Kathy Zervas

*To volunteer see the sign-up sheet in the Metcalf Hall kitchen or contact Rita Childers, 918-519-8470 or [puevy45@gmail.com](mailto:puevy45@gmail.com)*

**Sunday Plate Counter**  
**October 8**

Bruce Ramzel

**October 15**

Steve Clark

**October 22**

Jim Grillot

**Greeters**  
**October 8**

8:00am

Don Doty

10:30am

Debbie & Dennis Mueggenborg

**October 15**

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**

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918-914-1155

**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!*

**Ushers**  
**October 8**

8:00am

Don Davidson

10:30am

Brian Ferguson, Hugh Harrison

**October 15**

8:00am

Dean Zervas

10:30am

Glenn Bonner, Jim Warring

**Children's Chapel**  
**October 8**

Bob Tedstrom

**October 15**

Nicki Ingram

**October 22**

Karl Franks

**Agape Mission**  
**Thursday, October 12**

9-11am

Jeanne Julstrom, John McCollum

10:45am-1pm

Kris Bonner, Rita Childers, Becky

Liehr, Kathy Zervas, Marcia

Zervas

1:00-2:45pm

Melinda Droege, Miriam

Petrovich

**Bereavement Committee**  
**Team 3**

Wendy Hall, Connie Freebern,

Glenda Garrison, Gretchen Hoyt,

Becky Liehr, Carol Murphy