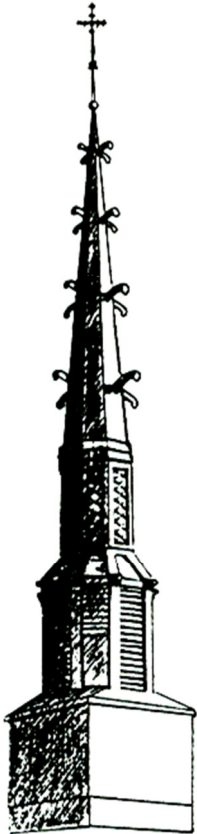


# The Steeple

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## **HARVEST OF HOPE BENEFIT** **FOR CONCERN**

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the 50th anniversary celebration for Churches United for Community Concern, fondly known to us as CONCERN. The event is Sunday, October 29, 2017 at 1:00pm, Father Lynch Hall at St. John's Church, Bartlesville. The "Harvest of Hope Benefit" will include dinner and feature music by the fabulous Lenny Baker. Tickets are \$50 each. If you would like to sit at the St. Luke's table or purchase tickets please contact: Amy Borg (713-206-1179) or Marie Cubbage (918-397-3665 or mcub50@aol.com).

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

"Same Kind of Different As Me"  
Screening, Oct 18<sup>th</sup>  
Big Country Breakfast, Oct 28

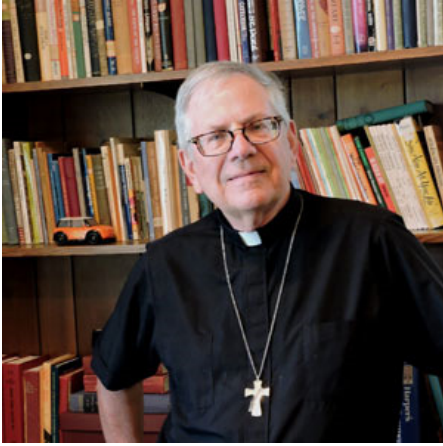


### **Big Country Breakfast**

**Saturday, October 28,  
7:30 am to 10:30 am  
Elks Lodge –  
Next to Wal-Mart  
Cost: \$6**

We'll be serving bacon, sausage, pancakes, eggs, biscuits and gravy and drinks to help raise money to purchase school supplies for students of Washington County. We gave out about 2,500 filled backpacks this year. Start your day out right with a hearty breakfast with your friends from the Washington County School Supply Drive. **See you there!**

## DEACON'S DIALOGUE:



This Tuesday morning we had a discussion about church, seems like that would be expected in the midst of St. Luke's. But this conversation came about in a very circuitous route that began with a quote about ambiguity; then led us into discussion about structure (or lack of structure) in our lives. And, finally we ended up talking about why church exists. I recalled a quote (heard on the radio) from a rabbi that expressed, religion is a reflection of our personal spirituality. We as humans come together based on things

common or shared and in this sense that formed group is a religious denomination. All this makes sense as to why we may put our names on the same church membership list.

But the question still hung in the air, "why does a person not join a church?" Our discussion tended to look at the personal, social aspects of belonging and participating in the church group. We reached the end of our session before we got to thoughts and feelings about the central act of our worship; the importance of the Eucharist.

Then, later a friend at the hospital was reflecting on why so few actually attend their church service even though their membership is quite substantial. She mentioned that her thoughts led her to believe that they didn't do a good job of teaching about their religious beliefs.

And that made me wonder about how St. Luke's was doing in this aspect. Are we teaching our religion to the people of St. Luke's? We are great at the social aspects of the congregation. We are a people of aiding those in need and participating in social programs of the Bartlesville community; just look at the number of exhibits at last Sunday's ministry fair. There was somewhere around twenty-one exhibits. We are a people of great "do-ing". Now that begs the question, "are we a people of 'be-ing' Christian?" That is, are we a people of personal prayer, of valuing our relationship with God? I haven't formed my answer and my answer can really only speak for me.

These Tuesday morning discussions can frame my thoughts for days afterwards. We use books to help open ourselves to new thoughts and to explore our inner feelings. We are finishing a book by Kahlil Gibran. For several weeks to come we will explore using a discussion of Mary Magdalene. Come join us.

In Christ's Love,  
Rev. Mike

## WEEKLY ACTIVITY CALENDAR

### **Sunday, Oct 22, 2017**

8:00am Rite I  
9:15am Sunday School  
9:15am Clergy Forum  
9:45am Choir Rehearsal  
10:30am Rite II

### **Monday, Oct 23, 2017**

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

### **Tuesday, Oct 24, 2017**

10:00am Spiritual Discipline  
Group, Library  
12:00pm PEO Luncheon, MH  
5:00pm Give Back America,  
RH

### **Wednesday, Oct 25, 2017**

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

### **Thursday, Oct 26, 2017**

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

### **Friday, Oct 27, 2017**

### **Saturday, Oct 28, 2017**

### **Sunday, Oct 29, 2017**

8:00am Rite I  
9:15am Sunday School  
9:15am Clergy Forum  
9:45am Choir Rehearsal  
10:30am Rite II

### **Monday, Oct 30, 2017**

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

### **Tuesday, Oct 31, 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, Darian, Elaine, Ellen, Kathy, Barb, 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.)



Opportunity for ministry!

What would your life look like in this city if you didn't own a car? Would you be able to go to work? Could you go shopping? Would you make it to doctors' appointments?

There is an important segment of our population who does not have access to a personal car. In larger cities, public transportation is a wonderful answer. But our city does not currently have a bus system. The Washington County Transportation Coalition has provided a bus route for several years, but the funding has always been piecemeal. Now the funding sources have dried up, and the city council is honestly looking at ways to fund the buses. Until the funding is in place, we are helping to fill the gap. The transportation coalition has a driver, but he is out of commission for 6 weeks. Our church is stepping in, as we always do, to help the routes continue.

**DRIVERS NEEDED!** We need drivers who can give a half day (4 hours) to driving the church van as a city bus. The only requirement is that you be licensed and insured. This is a temporary need, so you will probably only drive a total of 5 or 6 times. Please let us know if you can help fill in. Call Lauri (918-766-2473) or Mike (918-339-1430) or the church office.

## UNITED THANK OFFERING



United Thank Offering began in 1889. It is good to give Thanks to God. The Little Blue box helps us to realize our universally belonging to each other, connecting our thankfulness with the needs of the world through small offerings of thankful prayers, given freely. The gift of God's son as salvation for us provides amazing blessings

to us in our lives and the world about us. In return, we offer gratefulness to HIM for His mercy, grace and gifts. This gifted relationship is manifested in our world through the ministry of the UTO. The accumulated offerings gathered together become answered prayers for others through UTO outreach grants, addressing compelling human needs and expanding mission and ministry. Every coin thankfully offered enables the action of benevolence to respond to the dreams and hopes for tomorrow's life for people throughout the world. Every coin received is given away in grants. Some close to home are, Daybreak of Grove Project, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and Boy Counsel Project, New Hope Camp, Inc. Please pick up a Blue Thank Offering Box in the narthex or envelope and start counting you blessings.

**Please bring them back on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> – UTO Sunday!**

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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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## "SAME KIND OF DIFFERENT AS ME"



The Lighthouse is hosting an awareness preview of this full-length feature film, on October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The theatres at the Washington Park Mall in Bartlesville will all be completely dedicated to this one-time preview of the movie about a homeless man and an international art dealer. Those who have read the book are looking forward to the movie.

TICKETS \$10.00 – Online at: [www.bartlesvillelighthouse.weebly.com](http://www.bartlesvillelighthouse.weebly.com), or at any of the following locations: Truity Credit Union, Arvest Bank, Central National Bank, American Heritage Bank, Armstrong Bank, Lighthouse Outreach Center.

Tickets will be on sale at the theatre on the day of the screening.

For more information: 918-336-9029

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**LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE October 22, 2017 through October 29, 2017**

*Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions*

**Acolytes**

**October 22**

No Acolytes Scheduled

**October 29**

No Acolytes Scheduled

**Layreaders**

**October 22**

8:00am

Darian Kedy, Judy Currey

10:30am

Nick Conner, Kate Carroll

**October 29**

8:00am

Nick Conner, Ellen Heald

10:30am

Judy Currey, Juanita Green

**Nursery Volunteers**

**October 22**

Diana Crawford & Dorsie

Bjornsen

**October 29**

Ruth Todd

**November 5**

Ruth Todd

**Hugh & Virginia**

**Meal Preparation**

**October 18**

Not Yet Assigned

**October 20**

Dorsie Bjornson

**October 23**

Mike & Lauri Watkins

**October 25**

Not Yet Assigned

**October 27**

Not Yet Assigned

**Scripture Lessons for**

**October 22**

Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1  
Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew  
22:15-22

**Music for October 22**

#9 "Not Here for High and Holy  
Things"

#706 (Text) "In Your Mercy, Lord,  
You Called Me"

#318 "Here, O My Lord, I See  
Thee Face to Face"

#300 "Glory, Love and Praise,  
and Honor"

#372 "Praise to the Living God"

**Sunday Coffee Fellowship Hour**

**October 22**

Kathy Zervas

**October 29**

Carol Murphy

**November 5**

Warring Family

*To volunteer see the sign-up  
sheet in the Metcalf Hall kitchen  
or contact Rita Childers, 918-519-  
8470 or [puevey45@gmail.com](mailto:puevey45@gmail.com)*

**Sunday Plate Counter**

**October 22**

Jim Grillot

**October 29**

Jim Grillot

**November 5**

Amy Borg

**Greeters**

**October 22**

8:00am

Sally Canfield

10:30am

D.J. & Jerry Nezam, Jim & Nancy  
Warring

**October 29**

8:00am

Gretchen Hoyt

10:30am

Becky & Jim Liehr, 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](mailto:connie.freebern@yahoo.com)

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 22**

8:00am

Dean Zervas, Robert Babcock

10:30am

Jim Liehr, Jim Grillot

**October 29**

8:00am

Dean Zervas, Don Davidson

10:30am

Jeff Birk, Travis Perry

**Children's Chapel**

**October 22**

Karl Franks

**October 29**

Erin Perry

**November 5**

Erin Perry

**Agape Mission**

**Thursday, October 26**

9-11am

Jim Liehr

10:45am-1pm

Jeff Birk, Molly Ferguson, Glenda  
Garrison, Darian Kedy, Jen  
Peterson

1:00-2:45pm

Carol Murphy, Radomir  
Petrovich

**Bereavement Committee**

**Team 4**

Ada Grillot, Jo Baughman, Kris  
Bonner, Jen Peterson, Melinda  
Wesneski