



# The Steeple

St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
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## St. Luke's, Bartlesville

Cordially Invite You to  
The Celebration of New Ministry of  
**The Reverend Stephen Hood**  
as Rector of  
St. Luke's Episcopal Church

**Saturday February 24, 2018 11:00 a.m.**

*Reception will follow, and all are welcome!*

**Please R.S.V.P. to the church office by Thursday,  
February 22 if you plan to attend the reception.**

918-336-1212 or email [office@episcopalbartlesville.org](mailto:office@episcopalbartlesville.org)

## Tuesday Night Soup Supper

Our speakers this coming week:  
Feb. 27--Tari Carbaugh, assistant pastor at  
First Church (Methodist)

So, come on Tuesday night. We will gather at 5:30 to enjoy a  
simple supper of soup and bread.

Then we will hear what our speaker has to say. There will be  
opportunity to respond in small groups and in a whole group.

The evening will end with Compline.

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### ✓ Important Dates To Remember

Saturday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> – The Celebration of  
New Ministry

“A come-and-go reception will  
be held on March 11, 2018  
immediately following second  
service lasting until 2:00 P.M.  
in Metcalf Hall to celebrate  
Jean Mason's 80th Birthday.  
Anyone wishing to help her  
celebrate is welcome to  
attend.”

## Deacon's Dialogue:

### **Who Do You Say that I am?**

During Lent, a series of columns by various members of this church will be presented here. In addition to the Tuesday night soup suppers, we will hear more voices answering the question, "Who do you say that I am?" Read Mark 8: 27-30 for the full context of this question.

In the dark of night, in the early mornings, on long plane trips, in hospital rooms next to the dying, the question hovers in the empty spaces. "Who do you say that I am?" Peter was confronted by Jesus right in front of his peers. "Peter, who do you say that I am?" And Peter brought the entire Jewish tradition into focus as he answered, "You are the Christ (the Messiah in some translations)." Messiah--the word itself resounds with the hope of a thousand years. A redeemer, a person who will save the Jewish nations, one from among them who will embody Hope and Future.

Who do you say that I am? What we do with our faith answers this question. Do we answer with our good works? Do we answer with our attendance at church? Do we, indeed, ask this question over and over as we pray--Who are you?

I have gone through some very dark periods in life, as we all have. I'm not sure I even knew who I was after my divorce, let alone who Jesus was. I was a young 40-year old with three teen-age daughters to feed and nurture. My soul was torn, my emotional state was tenuous, and my mental state made me wall off anything other than just getting through each day. I felt alone and hopeless. I felt unloved and unworthy. But there was a turning point. I sat on my front porch early one spring morning, restless after a sleepless night, not sure of where life was headed. I sat there as dawn broke and birdsong began. In the birds calling back and forth to one another, I felt some kind of release, some kind of reassurance. Could God really be heard in the tweeting of robins? Could Jesus really be sitting with me in that horribly early hour, staying by my side, caring for me and loving me? If I had to answer the "who am I" question at that point, I could not have put it into words. But now, as I look back and remember so clearly that morning, I can say. "You are Presence, You are Love, You are the only One who can understand me now, You believe in me--and I believe in You. The Presence was overwhelming, the Love was saving, and Hope came pouring in as the sun rose to light that day.

The divorce came, the girls grew into women, I met Mike and fell in love. Life happened with its ups and downs. But never, never has the sense of Presence left me. Never have I felt bereft and without hope. And in those dark nights and early mornings, I can hear that birdsong. I can know that presence of Christ that will transcend all that life throws at me.

Today on that road, I would be able to turn to Christ and say, "You are Presence. You are Love. You are my Hope that tomorrow will come and that You will be there. You are Messiah."

Rev. Lauri Watkins

### **WEEKLY ACTIVITY CALENDAR**

#### **Sunday, February 18, 2018**

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

#### **Monday, February 19, 2018**

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

#### **Tuesday, February 20, 2018**

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

5:30pm Soup Supper, MH

#### **Wednesday, February 21, 2018**

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

#### **Thursday, February 22, 2018**

12:00pm Stations of The Cross  
followed by Holy Eucharist

#### **Friday, February 23, 2018**

#### **Saturday, February 24, 2018**

#### **Sunday, February 25, 2018**

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

#### **Monday, February 26, 2018**

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

#### **Tuesday, February 27, 2018**

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

5:30pm Soup Supper, MH

### ST. LUKE'S PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following persons in your prayers: Elizabeth, Jenny, Sue, Kris, Max, John, Samantha, Hugh, Raymond, Dale, Charles, Isaac, Maida, Joseph, Thelma, Tammy, Sybil, Joseph, Georgia, Diana, Mary, Jim, Millie, Bryson, Suzanne, Tracy, Ethan, Elain, Brian, Lee, Lisa, Jean, Patty, Sam, Lawrence, Carol Sue, Claire 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.)*

### Lenten Services

**Ash Wednesday Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>**–  
Services-12:00pm & 5:30pm

**Thursdays, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>–  
March 22<sup>nd</sup>** –  
Stations of the Cross followed by Holy Eucharist-12:00pm

**Mondays, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>–March 19<sup>th</sup>** –  
Holy Communion-5:30pm

**Palm Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**–  
Holy Communion-8:00am  
Holy Communion-10:30am

**Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**–  
Evening Prayer-5:30pm

**Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>** –  
Stations of the Cross-6:00pm

**Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**–  
Holy Communion-7:00pm

**Good Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**–  
Good Friday Liturgy-12:00pm

**Easter Vigil, Saturday,  
March 31<sup>st</sup>** –  
Holy Communion-7:00pm

**Easter, Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**–  
Holy Communion-8:00am  
Holy Communion-10:30am

## Family Promise - March 4-11 **Last Call to Fill Volunteer Roles!**

Thanks to all who have signed up to volunteer for our upcoming host week. With just one and a half weeks until families arrive, we still have need to fill the following 6 volunteer slots:

Overnight volunteer 9pm-6am  
Sunday Mar. 4th - **need 1 woman**

Evening Volunteer 7-9pm  
Friday Mar. 9th - **need 1 person**  
Saturday. Mar. 10th - **need 2 people**

Dinner Prep 5:30-7pm  
Saturday - Mar. 10th - **need 2 people**

**Please contact Jen Peterson as soon as possible if you can help in any of these spots. 918-397-7779**  
[jenrpet1971@gmail.com](mailto:jenrpet1971@gmail.com)

Reminder that training sessions for new (or seasoned) volunteers will take place:  
Sunday Feb. 25th - 12 noon  
Monday Feb. 26th - 7 pm

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### *A Gift of Music*

St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
February 25, 2018 - 5:00 pm

A time of musical reflection during the Lenten Season presented in collaboration with The Bartlesville Symphony featuring music reflecting the theme:

### *"Through New Eyes"*

David Kazmierzak, violin      Rhonda Carr, violin  
Gulnara Holopeter, cello      Lauren Green, cello  
Andrew Gottehrer, clarinet  
Dolores McCreary, piano and organ

There is no admission charge.  
An offering will be gratefully received to benefit the many local organizations supported by St. Luke's Outreach Ministry

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Holy Eucharist: Sunday 8am & 10:30am; Monday 5:30pm, Thursday 12pm

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**LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE February 25, 2018 through March 4, 2018**

*Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions*

**Acolytes**

**February 25**

Kyle Peterson, Evan Mitchell,  
Ethan Peterson, Keaton Mitchell

**Layreaders**

**February 25**

8:00am: Ellen Heald, Jeff Birk  
10:30am: Kate Carroll, Penny  
Williams

**March 4**

8:00am: Kate Carroll, Jim Grillot  
10:30am: Bob Wesneski,  
Katherine Powell

**Nursery Volunteers**

**February 25**

Blair Ellis

**March 4**

Ruth Todd

**Bereavement Committee**

**Team 2**

Barbara Martin, Laura Birk,  
Thelma Blackburn, Sally Canfield,  
Rita Childers,  
Debbie Mueggenborg

**Scripture Lessons for**

**February 25**

Genesis (17:1-7, 15-16), Psalm  
(22:22-30), Romans (4:13-25),  
Mark (8:31-38)

**March 4**

Exodus (20:1-17), Psalm (19), 1  
Corinthians (1:18-25), John  
(2:13-22)

**Music**

**February 25**

The Hymnal 1982  
#150 -Forty Days and Forty  
Nights  
#675 -Take Up Your Cross  
#649 - O Jesus, Joy of Loving  
Hearts  
#316 - This is the Hour of  
Banquet and of Song  
#372 - Praise to the Living God!

**Sunday Coffee Fellowship**

**Hour**

**February 25**

**Reception for Fr. Steve**

To volunteer see the sign-up  
sheet in the Metcalf Hall kitchen  
or contact Rita Childers, 918-519-  
8470 or [puvey45@gmail.com](mailto:puvey45@gmail.com)

**Ushers**

**February 25**

8:00am: Dean Zervas, Robert  
Babcock

10:30am: Jim Grillot, Nancy  
Megee

**March 4**

8:00am: Dean Zervas  
10:30am: Tim Simmons, Travis  
Perry

**Sunday Plate Counter**

**February 25**

Jim Grillot

**March 4**

Amy Borg

**Children's Chapel**

**February 25**

Karl Franks

**March 4**

Erin Perry

**Greeters**

**February 25**

8:00am: Sally Canfield  
10:30am: D.J. & Jerry Nezam, Jim  
& Nancy Warring  
March 4

8:00am: Don Davidson  
10:30am: Glen & Thelma  
Blackburn

**St. Luke's Bookstore**

*The Bookstore hours: Tuesday:  
10-12: Sunday: 9:30-10:30 &  
11:30-12:30. All proceeds from  
sales go to St. Luke's Outreach  
Projects.*

[connie.freebern@yahoo.com](mailto:connie.freebern@yahoo.com)

918-914-1155

**Agape Mission**

**Thursday, February 8**

9-11am: Jeanne Julstrom, John  
McCollum  
10:45am-1pm: Kris Bonner, Rita  
Childers, Becky Liehr, Kathy  
Zervas,  
Marcia Zervas  
1:00-2:45pm: Peter Julstrom,  
Miriam Petrovich

**Thursday, February 22**

9-11am: Jim Leibr  
10:45am-1pm: Jeff Birk, Molly  
Ferguson, Glenda Garrison,  
Darian Kedy, Jen Peterson  
1:00-2:45pm: Carol Murphy,  
Radomir Petrovich