



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:

\$67,120 to Diocese of Alabama, Camp McDowell, Nauvoo, Alabama to build a self-contained recycling center on the campus of Camp McDowell Episcopal Camp & Conference Center. The center will allow the camp to become “zero landfill” for all trash and garbage, and will be self-supporting.

Also \$4,000 to the Diocese of Michigan for the Community Garden Hoop House Project, St. John’s Episcopal Church, Royal Oak, MI to install a solar-heated hoop house and water harvesting system on the grounds of the church. Produce generated will be used for the “Open Hands Food Pantry”, which serves 13,000 people annually. It will quadruple fresh produce production, teach gardening, composting and water harvesting.

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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

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 call or email the church office, 918-336-1212 or annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org no later than noon on Wednesday, November 2.

From the Rector...



As they say (whoever “they” are), the clock is ticking and time growing short. Of course I am referring to my retirement from “fulltime” ministry as a priest. This is still not the time to start saying “goodbye,” but clearly November is just a week away and my retirement is officially January 31, 2017. By Church definition, retirement begins the end of the month the priest turns 72 – the mandatory age. My last Sunday? -- not a clue.

I am getting a few repeated questions which I want to answer – again. Some of these come naturally because the Bishop is allowing St. Luke’s to go through the search process while I am still here. In his words, “St. Luke’s is a healthy, happy parish.” Of course you have not been through search process for twenty years and this is new to many people.

First, Lynda and I plan to retire here in Bartlesville. After twenty years, most of our friends are here – delightfully so. We are close to our children and grandchildren in the Kansas City area. And, we have no burning desire to live anywhere else in the world. And it helps to know and be known in the diocese regarding post retirement work as a priest.

We want to travel a little soon after my retirement. I want to see some longtime friends in the southeast and will take a cruise from out of Florida. After that we will return home to see what develops. I will continue to serve on several boards in the community and one in the diocese. I want to join Lynda in serving at CONCERN with some hands-on work. In time I will do some supply work on Sundays and interims. The Bishop has suggested he has some possible projects for me. So, we will see. I have to leave some time for golf!

There have been some questions about my being away from St. Luke’s for a year. That is true. Lynda and I will worship wherever I am serving on a Sunday or likely in an Episcopal church in Tulsa. I will not do weddings, baptisms, funerals or supply at St. Luke’s after I retire. When these events happen, I don’t know how I will feel, but your new priest will serve you well – and that will please me. Clearly, the reason for the year of being away is to allow for a good transition for St. Luke’s new Rector. I will still be your friend.

Being at St. Luke’s during the search has been interesting. You have a good Search Committee and they are doing a great job – just look at the Parish Profile. I have continued to fulfill my role as Rector and had nothing to do with the committee’s process – and that will continue to be true. In fact, several people have mentioned potential candidates to me. In every case I have had nothing to say pro or con. I am staying completely out of those conversations with persons on the Search Committee, Vestry and people within and beyond our church.

And no, Fr. Sean cannot be considered – not my rule. He is a good priest getting better. However, he will eventually move to another position in our diocese and not be here. There are reasons for this rule based on experience as well as the wisdom of the Church – and the Bishop is clear about this.

The Search Committee will confidentially do their work in receiving and considering possible candidates as your next Rector. There will be little they can tell us before they make their recommendations to the Vestry who will decide who to “call” as the next Rector. They need our consistent prayer support. Meanwhile, I will continue to enjoy being your Rector – the work I continue to find fulfilling and with the people I love.

Blessings,
Fr. Lee+

Weekly Activity Calendar

Sunday, October 30, 2016

8:00am Rite I
9:15am Sunday School Classes
10:30am Rite II

Monday, October 31, 2016

9:30am Church Staff Mtg.
5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

10:00am Spiritual Discipline
Group, library

Wednesday, November 2, 2016

6-8pm Young Disciples, RH
7:00pm Choir

Thursday, November 3, 2016

6:45am Men’s Fellowship, MH
12:00pm Holy Eucharist
Nov. 3-5, Diocesan Convention,
Midwest City

Friday, November 4, 2016

Saturday, November 5, 2016
*Daylight Savings Time Ends. Turn
your clock back 1 hr. before
bedtime tonight.*

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



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.

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.)*

Joyce, Jeanne, Kristen, Bob, Ellie,
Carmen, Donna, Paul, Doug, Jim,
Erlene, Sue, Katherine, Steve,
Darlene, Helen, Robert, Mary,
Elizabeth, Emma, Lida, Bid, Scott,
Georgia, Glenn, Shelly, Max,
Dortha, Cory, Jean, 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.

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.

Father,

It is time to find a new spiritual leader to guide us. We pray in... and together to further this search process. We know that you have already chosen a path for St Luke's. We pray earnestly for your guidance in seeking out Your plan for us. We ask You to send the Holy Spirit to fill each of our hearts and minds, keep our arms wide open, and guide us to find the new Rector who will lead us on this path.

Father, we ask that You bless the hearts of each member of our parish family to ease this transition for them.

All this we ask through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

PIES FOR CONCERN THANKSGIVING BASKETS

St. Luke's is once again supplying the pies for the CONCERN 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@cableone.net. Thank you!



Notice Anything Missing?



Or maybe you've been seeing lots of empty spaces in the Chancel (that's where the Choir sits!) The number of people singing in our choir has been decreasing to the point that we have serious challenges when even 2 or 3 are absent. Could this be the time for others in our congregation to come and sing with our choir? The demands are simple: 1½ hours each Wednesday evening for rehearsal and Sunday morning rehearsal beginning at 9:45. The rewards are many. Just ask anyone who is singing with the choir! We improve our singing and music reading skills; we enjoy being together; we laugh a lot; and, most especially, we grow spiritually as we rejoice in the amazing gift of music!

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED HOST WORLD COMMUNITY DAY Friday, November 4, 9:30am

Washington County Church Women United will host the World Community Day Celebration at Bartlesville First Church, 4715 SE Price Road. Registration is at 9:30 AM; brunch is at 10 AM on Friday, November 4. Our guest speaker will be Sherry Smith, Executive Director of Agape. Theme for the Day is "Gathered at God's Table".

World-Wide Church Women United has a seventy-five year heritage of involvement in peace and justice issues. Currently in Washington County, women from thirteen congregations are represented on our executive board. Members of all congregations are invited to join us for the World Community Day Celebration.

FAMILY LIFE SYMPOSIUM PRESENTS:

"We're All in this Together: Creating Safety Nets for Our Kids" with speaker Maureen Underwood

This free event is for parents, grandparents, educators, counselors, & community members on Thursday, Nov. 10, 6:30-8:30pm, Bartlesville High School Commons Area. Maureen Underwood is the lead author of the "Lifelines Trilogy: Prevention, Intervention & Postvention." With over 35 years in the field of youth suicide, she is a master trainer of both clinical and school-based models of prevention. She is widely published on this and other topics and is recognized as a national leader in school-based youth suicide efforts. For questions contact Kerry at ickleberrykg@bps-ok.org or Charissa at cdunn@okwu.edu. Book Recommendation: "When Nothing Matters Anymore: A Survival Guide for Depressed Teens" by Bev Cobain.



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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 10/30/16 through 11/6/16

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions.

Acolytes
October 23 & 30
No Acolytes Scheduled
November 6
Servers
 Harald Borg, Robert Boyle
Torchbearers
 Kimaya Kindred, Emma Perry

Layreaders
Sunday, Oct. 30
8:00am
 Jim Grillot, Nick Conner
10:30am
 Lauren Green, Bob Wesneski
 Penny Williams, Kate Carroll
Sunday, Nov. 6
8:00am
 Scott Williams, Jim Grillot
10:30am
 Judy Currey, Lynda Stephens
 Kate Carroll, Bob Wesneski

Nursery Volunteers
Oct. 30
 Travis Sutton
Nov. 6
 Travis Sutton
Nov. 13
 Natalie Conner

Bereavement Committee
Team 2
 Barbara Martin, Laura Birk,
 Thelma Blackburn, Sally
 Canfield, Debbie Mueggenborg

Scripture Lessons for
Sunday, Oct. 30
 Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm
 119:137-144; 2 Thessalonians
 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10
Music for Sunday, Oct. 30
 #518 – "Christ is Made the Sure
 Foundation"
 #630 – "Thanks to God Whose
 Word Was Spoken"
 #692 (text) – "I Heard the Voice
 of Jesus Say"
 WLP #761 – "All Who Hunger
 Gather Gladly"
 #527 – "Singing Songs of
 Expectation"

Coffee Fellowship Hour
Oct. 30
 Jerry & D. J. Nezam
Nov. 6
 Volunteer needed
Nov. 13
 Chad & Blair Ellis
*To volunteer, contact Rita
 Childers, 918-519-8470 or
puevey45@gmail.com*

Sunday Plate Counter
Oct. 30
 Jim Grillot
Nov. 6
 Amy Borg
Nov. 13
 Bruce Ramzel

Greeters
Sunday, Oct. 30
8:00am
 Gretchen Hoyt
10:30am
 Becky & Jim Liehr
 Carol Murphy
Sunday, Nov. 6
8:00am
 Don Davidson
10:30am
 Glenn & Thelma Blackburn

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, you may
 contact Melinda Wesneski,
 918-333-7758 or
mcwesne@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!

Ushers
Sunday, Oct. 30
8:00am
 Don Davidson, Dean Zervas
10:30am
 Jeff Birk, Travis Perry
Sunday, Nov. 6
8:00am
 Steve Forsythe, Dean Zervas
10:30am
 Hugh Harrison, Tim Simmons

Children's Chapel
Oct. 30
 Erin & Travis Perry
Nov. 6
 Heather Boyle, Bob Tedstrom
Nov. 13
 Jeanne Julstrom, Travis Sutton

Agape Mission
4th Thursday,
Oct. 27, 2016
9-11am
 Jim Liehr, Fr. Lee Stephens
10:45am-1pm
 Jeff Birk, Molly Ferguson,
 Glenda Garrison, Darian Kedy,
 Jen Peterson
1-2:45pm
 Carol Murphy,
 Radomir Petrovich