



The Steeple

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
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Words from the Warden: Introducing Fr. Steve Hood

Dear St. Lukens (as Fr. Sean would say),

What a joyous day it was on Sunday when I announced that we have a new priest coming!

Fr. Steve Hood (age 49) comes to us after 10 years at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Vestavia Hills, Alabama. He grew up in Richardson, Texas and his grandparents lived in Bartlesville so he is familiar with the town. His wife's name is Tracy and they have a blended marriage with 4 children between them: Thomas (16) and Tyler (14) are hers and Rivers (14) and Claire (11) are his and live with him. They have been married for a little over a year and theirs is considered a commuter marriage because of co-parenting issues with the children. Tracy teaches third grade in Frisco, TX and lives in Plano. They hope to live here altogether as a family during the coming year.

Fr. Steve is the brother of our very own, John Hood who attends the 10:30 service with his wife Cynthia Hall and his first day at St. Luke's will be Monday, October 2nd.

We are all very excited and enjoyed meeting both Fr. Steve and Tracy when they came for a visit earlier this month and we think you will feel the same way. Our plan is to have a reception and pounding for him on his first Sunday here, Oct. 8th since Tracy will be here as well.

I have to extend a huge thank you to the Search Committee for their dedication, commitment, prayerful consideration and perseverance in this discernment process that has been their job for the last year and a half. They have made this whole process very smooth and have made this transition from both of our much beloved priests as easy as it could be.

I also want to thank and commend the Vestry for their trust in this process and in this group of people that they chose for selecting the right priest for our parish. And for also agreeing to stay on as members of this governing body for this additional year to ease the transition for Fr. Steve.

And I want to especially thank you, the parish of St. Luke's for living into the prayer that we have said each week and for your faith in God that He would lead our Search Committee to the right person for our parish. You will see the fruit of their labors on Sunday, October 8th!

Faithfully yours,
Kathy

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Important Dates To Remember

Family Promise, Sept. 10-17
Safeguarding God's Children, Sept. 21 & 23
Fr. Steve's First Sunday, Oct. 8

Thoughts from Fr. Steve



The Hood Family (l-r) Tyler, Thomas, Tracy, Fr. Steve, Claire, Rivers

Dear St. Luke's:

I am very excited that the news is finally public that I am coming to serve as your rector. I want to express my thankfulness to you for the faithfulness and patience that the St. Luke's search committee and vestry have demonstrated throughout the search process. I have been treated with dignity and respect at every step of the process, and everyone I have met has done a commendable job of representing St. Luke's. Additionally, the hospitality that Tracy and I received from the team that visited us in Alabama and by the vestry and search committee when we visited Bartlesville was outstanding. The enthusiasm of the leadership of St. Luke's has been contagious, and I am honored that I have been called to serve as your rector.

The next four weeks are going to be exciting and challenging as I prepare to leave Ascension and Vestavia Hills. Leaving will not be easy for me or my family. My children have mixed emotions as they leave behind their friends and family members, but they are excited about new schools and making new friends. Claire is delighted that she can continue to serve as an acolyte when we get to St. Luke's. My emotions run the gamut from sadness to excitement as I begin saying goodbye while looking ahead to an exciting future.

I ask that you continue to keep me and my family in your prayers as we continue to pray for you. I am very thankful to God for sending me to you, and I am very excited to journey with you as we share together the Good News of God in Jesus Christ. There will be plenty of time for me to introduce myself and my family after I arrive, and Tracy wants you to know that she is really looking forward to becoming a part of St. Luke's, too.

Christ's Peace,

The Reverend Stephen D. Hood

WEEKLY ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday, Sep 3, 2017

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

Monday, Sep 4, 2017

Labor Day – Office Closed
5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, Sep 5, 2017

10:00am Spiritual Discipline
Group, library

Wednesday, Sep 6, 2017

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

Thursday, Sep 7, 2017

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

Friday, Sep 8, 2017

Saturday, Sep 9, 2017

2:00 pm Funeral Service for
Paul Roll

Sunday, Sep 10, 2017

8:00am Rite I
9:15am Sunday School
9:15am Clergy Forum
9:45am Choir Rehearsal
10:30am Rite II
Family Promise at St. Luke's
Sept. 10 thru Sept. 17

Monday, Sep 11, 2017

7:15 pm Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, Sep 12, 2017

10:00am Spiritual Discipline
Group, library

ST. LUKE'S PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following persons
in your prayers:

Elizabeth, Jenny, Sue, Jim, Kris, Max,
John, Samantha, Hugh, Ed, Sydney,
Henry, Lana, Seth, Jacey, Brandon, J.R.,
Charles, Etta, Penny, Mary, 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.)*

JUST HIRED: PARISH SECRETARY

Robyn Crow will be joining the
office staff as our new Parish
Secretary! She has had
experience in this position before
so hopefully, Bob Wesneski, our
presiding interim secretary,
shouldn't have too much
difficulty training her. Please
stop by and introduce yourself to
her if you happen to be at the
church. Her first day in the office
will be Wednesday, September 6.

YES! The Choir Will Sing Again!

Choir Rehearsals begin
Wednesday, September 6th, 7:00
p.m. Our Choir will return and be
a welcome presence in the
Chancel (that's where they sit!)...
on Sunday, September 10th. A
great time for YOU to come sing
with the Choir!

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.

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

Family Promise Volunteers Still Needed Sept. 10-17

Our next turn to host families is coming up from September 10-17 - just over one week away. As we announced on Sunday, the program has successfully graduated the last 4 families into permanent housing. Such great news indeed! At this time, we have one new family in the program, a single mom with 2 boys, aged 5 and 10 months, with the possibility for 2 more families joining that are currently going through the intake process.

We had a great volunteer response this past Sunday and we still have 23 blank spots left to fill as quickly as possible. Please check your calendars and then contact me directly by phone or email, or stop by Metcalf Hall after the 10:30 service in Sunday to sign up. jenrpet1971@gmail.com or 918-397-7779. Thanks in advance for helping serve in this great ministry! Jen Peterson

We are in need of folks for these positions:

Overnight host 9pm - 6:30am the following morning	Evening activity host 7-9pm
Tue. 12th - 2 people Wed. 13th - 1 person Thu. 14th - 2 people Sat. 16th - 1 person	Tue. 12th - 1 person Wed. 13th - 2 people Thu. 14th - 2 people Fri. 15th - 2 people
Dinner prep and service 5:30-7pm: Fri. Sep. 15th - 2 people Supply donations for breakfast and lunch groceries - 4 people Saturday morning breakfast prep on Saturday Sept 16th - 2 people Laundry at the end of the week - 2 people	

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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The Rev. Bob Gates, Interim Priest frb426@aol.com 918-335-0929
The Rev. Douglas Freebern, Deacon dfreebern@yahoo.com 918-914-0525
The Rev. Lauri Watkins, Deacon lwatkins@episcopalbartlesville.org 918-766-2473
The Rev. Mike Watkins, Deacon mike.watkins@sbcglobal.net 918-336-1430
In an Emergency, contact any of the clergy listed above.
Karl Franks, Parish Administrator. (ktdfranks@gmail.com)
Bob Wesneski, Interim Parish Secretary (office@episcopalbartlesville.org)
Dolores McCreary, Organist/Choir Director (dolores@episcopalbartlesville.org)
Kathy Zervas, Sr. Warden (kzerv@aol.com)
Amy Borg, Jr. Warden (amy.a.borg@p66.com)
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Holy Eucharist: Sunday 8am & 10:30am; Monday 5:30pm, Thursday 12pm

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE September 3, 2017 through September 10, 2017

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions

Acolytes
September 3

Harald Borg, Kimaya Kindred,
Emma Boyle

September 10

Ruth Todd, Keaton Mitchell, Evan
Mitchell

Layreaders
September 3

8:00am

Jim Grillot, Kate Carroll

10:30am

Lauren Green, Nick Conner

September 10

8:00am

Jeff Birk, Jim Grillot

10:30am

Kate Carroll, Juanita Green

Nursery Volunteers
September 3

Erin Perry

September 10

Natalie Connor

September 17

Barbara Todd

Hugh & Virginia
Meal Preparation
August 30

Elaine Ryan

September 1

Judy Currey

September 4

Karl & Jenny Franks

September 6

Judy Currey

September 8

Carol Murphy

Scripture Lessons for
September 3

Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6,
23-26, 45b; Romans 12:9-21;

Matthew 16:21-28

Music for September 3

#10 "New Every Morning is the
Love"

#457 "Thou Art the Way"

GATHER #336 "Now In This
Banquet"

GATHER #270 "God is Love"

#401 "The God of Abraham
Praise"

Sunday Coffee Fellowship Hour
September 3

Volunteers Needed

September 10

Volunteers Needed

September 17

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

Sunday Plate Counter
September 3

Amy Borg

September 10

Bruce Ramzel

September 17

Steve Clark

Greeters
September 3

8:00am

Don Davidson

10:30am

Glenn & Thelma Blackburn

September 10

8:00am

Don Doty

10:30am

Debbie & Dennis Mueggenborg

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

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
September 3

8:00am

Dean Zervas

10:30am

Tim Simmons, Hugh Harrison

September 10

8:00am

Don Davidson

10:30am

Brian Ferguson, Hugh Harrison

Children's Chapel
September 3

Robert Tedstrom, Heather Boyle

September 10

Nicki Ingram, Jeanne Julstrom

September 17

Blair and Chad Ellis

Agape Mission
Thursday, September 14

9-11am

Jeanne Julstrom, John McCollum

10:45am-1pm

Kris Bonner, Rita Childers, Becky

Liehr, Kathy Zervas, Marcia

Zervas

1:00-2:45pm

Melinda Droegge, Miriam

Petrovich

Bereavement Committee
Team January 2

Wendy Hall, Connie Freebern,

Glenda Garrison, Gretchen Hoyt,

Becky Liehr, Carol Murphy



Birthdays & Anniversaries

1	Yvonne Walters	13	Travis Perry David Ingram
2	Harald Borg Ed & Sydney Beasley♥	14	Cheryl Fregin
		16	Karole Cozby
3	Georgia Gates Leann Noland Nancy Warring	20	Penny Blankinship Stefanie Tedstrom Michael McElyea
4	Ace Gardner Glenda Garrison	21	Nick Olsen
		22	D.J. Nezam Anna Oliphant
5	Mark Peterson David & Darian Kedy♥	23	Wayah Sutton
		24	Shari Eslick Steve Van Aken
6	Sarah Winn	25	Mary Jo Peterson
		26	Melinda Droege
7	David Breedlove	27	Pam Pierce
8	Emma Sutton	28	Bryan Megee
9	Katie Todd	30	Max McCreary
10	Robert Lonski Carter Breedlove		



Is your birthday or anniversary missing from this list? If so, please email stlukes@episcopalbarltesville.org.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 8:00am Rite I 9:15am Sunday School Classes 10:30am Rite II	4 Labor Day Office Closed	5 10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group, library	6 6-8pm Young Disciples, RH 7:00pm Choir	7 6:45am Men's Fellowship, MH 12:00pm Holy Eucharist	8	9 2:00p Funeral for Paul Roll
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Family Promise 7:00 am, Sun. 9/10 thru 7:00am Sun. 9/17, Rodgers Hall						
17 8:00am Rite I 9:15am Sunday School Classes 9:45am Choir Rehearsal 10:30am Rite II <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> Family Promise ends </div>	18 9:30am Church Staff Mtg. 5:30pm Holy Eucharist	19 10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group, library	20 6-8pm Young Disciples, RH 7:00pm Choir	21 6:45am Men's Fellowship, MH 12:00pm Holy Eucharist 6:30pm—9:30 pm Safeguarding God's Children, Vestry Room	22	23 9:30 am—12:30 pm Safeguarding God's Children, Vestry Room
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RESPONDING TO HURRICANE HARVEY



Episcopal Relief & Development invites you to join us in prayer and support for communities affected by Hurricane Harvey.

Episcopal Relief & Development is working with dioceses in the hurricane's path to best support responses and address needs as more information becomes available. Local churches and partners are assessing damage, confirming the safety of members and others in their communities and using available facilities and resources to respond to immediate concerns.

Your contribution to the Hurricane Harvey Response Fund helps Episcopal Relief & Development support Church and other local partners as they provide critical emergency assistance.

To help care for those affected by this crisis, please fill out the coupon below and mail it in with your check or credit card information. You can also contribute online at episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-harvey-response.

Thank you for your compassion and prayers. With your partnership, we are healing a hurting world.

A word from the Most Reverend Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church

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Enclosed is my gift to the Hurricane Harvey Fund to assist those who are in need.

☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$500
☐ \$1,000 ☐ \$2,500 ☐ \$5,000 ☐ Other \$ _____

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