

The Steeple

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New Beginnings

Many moons ago, I attended a workshop on Grief presented by the Menninger Foundation in Topeka, Kansas. The "key" phrase during this workshop was, "Without endings, there can be no new beginnings". This theme was defined as a process of addressing changes that occur in everyone's life. Changes can include a new job or a position within one's current company, a change of where one resides, and changes which revolve around death. The very notion of "change" implies the ending of one thing, and the beginning of another. Change also brings with it feelings of despair, gloom & doom, and feelings of adventure, curiosity, and excitement. Finally, change presents us with a challenge to break out of our comfort zone, and experience something new and refreshing.

My observations from the pew as a Retired Priest, and now as your Interim Priest have, over the past year, caused me to reflect on this "without endings, there can be no new beginnings". The family of St. Luke's is transitioning from one "era" 20 years in the making into a new one with unknown qualities. What will happen? What will the new Priest be like? What will he change?...Will I like his wife?...Will I like his kids?...Will I like him? These questions, and others, will be asked at some point if not already. What will this "change" bring? What will the challenges consist of?

I am reminded of a story about a Farmer who had asked his young son to go to the barn after dark to fetch an item and return it to the house. The little boy, having never been asked to do something like this before and was terrified of the dark because he could not see what was in front of him, was reluctant to do what his dad had asked of him. The dad, sensing this apprehension in his son, handed him a lantern, and instructed the boy to hold the lantern up in front of him, and walk to the "edge" of the light as he made his way to the barn and back.

The beginning of a new era at St. Luke's is before each of us, and will have its launching in a few short weeks. With the new beginnings will come challenges unique to our new priest as he settles into an environment we call Bartlesville, and as we settle into the unique person/ministry he will bring to us known as "Father Steve". New beginnings for all of us...WOW...how exciting is that?

Peace be with you,
Fr. Bob+

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✓ Important Dates To Remember

Safeguarding God's Children, Sept. 21 & 23
St. Crispin's Cook-Off, Sept. 30
Traces of the Trade Screening, Oct. 2
Fr. Steve's First Sunday, Oct. 8

"Traces of the Trade"

Screening of this film, a documentary about slavery in America followed by a conversation on race and healing.

October 2nd, 6:00pm-9:00pm (FREE)
St. John's, 4200 South Atlanta Pl,
Tulsa

Experiencing a Caring Community

Recently Connie and I needed help because we were required to trim and/or remove lots of brush and over-hanging tree limbs by the city. Whoa! Not only am I no longer able to do that scale of a job alone anymore, (yes, I'm getting older) but even worse, I was already committed to being out of town for a week! Deacon Lauri got wind of this problem and suggested that the Men's Group could probably do it! I freaked! No, I couldn't ask them to do that! They were already being asked to do lots of church projects and besides, what would they think of me? I wasn't even a member of the group!!

"Deacon Doug enjoying Colorado with his daughter while his wife slaves at home to face this situation?" I felt embarrassed! Bob Wesneski came by with Lauri and pronounced the job do-able and within a day or two had enlisted 15 people to bring their tools and three trailers the following Saturday to do the job. They did it in a little over six hours. All had a good time, came and left as their schedule allowed, got a great lunch, and enjoyed "male bonding" as well. Margaret, who cares for the plantings at church, and Lauri also came and worked.

As It turns out, I realized that I was very comfortable serving others in their time of need, but when it came to admitting my own helplessness and inability in my situation, I was suddenly unable to accept that this time I was to be the beneficiary of our church's community of caring. But now I feel genuine love and concern from my friends who gave so unselfishly to Connie and me. I realize, too, that other aging or otherwise needy members of our church community might feel this same embarrassment when they find themselves unable to meet their own needs. Inreach to our own is as important as outreach to those we are used to helping. The need may be more than we think, and the silence of our seniors may be more out of undeserved shame than just an absence of need.

When offering assistance to those needing meals, or a ride to church, or even financial help, inreach to our own carries this additional dimension of sensitivity. Learning that we all need real help from time to time (or even for a long time) requires that we get over who we "used to be" and accept ourselves as Children of God, deserving God's love through His church.

With love and gratitude, Deacon Doug

Update on Meals for Hugh and Virginia

I visited with Hugh and Virginia recently and he sends his thanks and gratitude for those who are taking meals to them. They are much needed and appreciated. A couple of tips that may be helpful for those who are still taking meals:

- 1) Please call Hugh the day before you are scheduled to take a meal. That will prevent any duplication of meals they may have received recently and Hugh may have some preferences that can assist you in making your decision of what to take.
- 2) Please take enough food for two meals. We are taking meals on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Extra food will help with the "off days" when meals are not delivered.
- 3) Hugh and Virginia do not eat lunch or breakfast so no need to worry about those meals. They do like to eat around 4:30.
- 4) They would like for you to stay a bit when you deliver the meals. A short visit of ten or fifteen minutes would be great.

Also, a reminder that a schedule of those who are due to take meals is printed each week on the back page of the Steeple.

Thank you for your ministry in helping with this.

Connie Freebern

WEEKLY ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday, Sep 24, 2017

8:00am Rite I
9:15am Sunday School
9:15am Clergy Forum
9:45am Choir Rehearsal
10:30am Rite II
2:00pm Northeast Regional Meeting

Monday, Sep 25, 2017

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, Sep 26, 2017

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

Wednesday, Sep 27, 2017

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

Thursday, Sep 28, 2017

6:45am Men's Fellowship, MH
12:00pm Holy Eucharist
5:30pm Church Women's United Wheels to Work Fundraiser, East Cross Methodist

Friday, Sep 29, 2017

Saturday, Sep 30, 2017

8:00am Kairos Team Meeting, MH
10:00am St. Crispin's Cook-Off

Sunday, Oct 1, 2017

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

Monday, Oct 2, 2017

5:30pm Holy Eucharist
6:00pm "Traces of the Trade" Screening, St. John's Tulsa

Tuesday, Oct 3, 2017

10:00am Spiritual Discipline Group, Library
5:00pm Give Back America, RH
Clergy Conference All Day

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, 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.)*

"Same Kind of Different As Me"

Save the date! The Lighthouse is
hosting an awareness preview of this
full-length feature film. On October
18, the theatres at the Mall will 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 will be available in
early October at the church.

A POUNDING 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.



Meet your Nursery Supervisor

Howdy! My name is Megan and I am excited to provide a
safe and fun place for our youngest friends. Just some fun
facts about me- I am a cradle Episcopalian from San
Antonio, Texas and a Texas Aggie. My husband and I moved
here from Galveston and have called Bartlesville home for
over 4years. Our son Dax was born about a year ago- and
you will see him running around the nursery!

We have a great place to listen to Bible stories, be creative, eat snacks and let
some sillies out- I love music and you will hear a variety of praise and worship
music coming from our room. Sometimes we even get to sit in the back of
children's chapel and learn with our older friends. Overall I want you to know that
your children are loved, watched and protected when they are under my care

Family Promise Wraps Up

This past Sunday marked the end of another great week hosting families in the
Family Promise program here at St. Luke's. A huge thank you to each and every
volunteer who gave of their time and talents to make it a success. And a special
thank you to those who stepped in at the end to fill those last remaining
spots! You have all made a positive difference in the lives of Beverly and her
children.

This marks the end of our third hosting cycle for 2017. **Our fourth and
final time to host this calendar year will be from December 3rd to 10th.** So - be
sure to mark your calendars early so that we can all plan around the pre-holiday
bustle to ensure we save room and time for Family Promise (both in our hearts
and calendars) in the month of December!

Peace and Thanks, Jen Peterson

Ministry Fair

Start collecting your items and making your displays. St. Luke's Day (October 15)
will be the day to encourage people to join your ministry and raise awareness of
our many ministries in this church. We would like anyone who is involved in a
ministry, both inside and outside of the church, to be involved in showing what is
happening around our community. This will be important for all of us, including
our new priest, Father Steven. Plan to represent your group now. Tables will be
available on Saturday, Oct. 14, for setting up displays. - Deacon Lauri

Darcy Award 2017: Dan Maloney

Our own Dan Maloney was awarded
the Henry Darcy Lifetime Achievement
Award for 2017 by the Society of Core
Analysts for outstanding contributions
to the advancement of core analysis
technology. Translation: Dan is an
expert at developing technologies to
study rock cores used in finding oil.
Congratulations Dan!

National Merit Semi Finalist: Greta Olsen

Our own Greta Olsen is among
approximately 16,000 semifinalists in
the 2018 National Merit Scholarship
Program, which honors top academic
ability and potential for college
success.
The semifinalists were chosen based
on their scores in last fall's PSAT Test,
taken by about 1.6 million high school
juniors. They represent less than 1
percent of U.S. high school seniors.
We are very proud of Greta!

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE September 24, 2017 through October 1, 2017

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions

Acolytes

September 24

No Acolytes Scheduled

October 1

Harald Borg, Emma Perry, Emma
Boyle

Layreaders

September 24

8:00am

Judy Currey, Darian Kedy

10:30am

Katherine Powell

October 1

8:00am

Jim Grillot, Scott Williams

10:30am

Bob Wesneski, Nick Conner

Nursery Volunteers

September 24

Diana Crawford & Dorsie Bjornsen

October 1

Ruth Todd

October 8

Stefanie Tedstrom

Hugh & Virginia

Meal Preparation

September 20

Karl & Jenny Franks

September 22

Marsha Tibbits

September 25

Bob & Melinda Wesneski

September 27

Rita Childers & Kathy Zervas

September 29

Wendy Hall

**Scripture Lessons for
September 24**

Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6,
37-45; Philippians 1:21-30;
Matthew 20:1-16

Music for September 24

#410 "Praise, My Soul, the King
of Heaven"

WLP #748 – "From the Dawning
of Creation"

#309 – "O Food to Pilgrims
Given"

WLP #761 – "All Who Hunger
Gather Gladly"

#527 – "Singing Songs of
Expectation"

**Sunday Coffee Fellowship Hour
September 24**

Young Disciples

October 1

Wendy Hall

October 8

Vestry

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 24

Jim Grillot

October 1

Amy Borg

October 8

Bruce Ramzel

Greeters

September 24

8:00am

Sally Canfield

10:30am

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

October 1

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**, 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 24

8:00am

Dean Zervas, Robert Babcock

10:30am

Max McCreary, Jim Grillot

October 1

8:00am

Dean Zervas

10:30am

Tim Simmons, Hugh Harrison

Children's Chapel

September 24

Karl Franks

October 1

Erin Perry

October 8

Bob Tedstrom

Agape Mission

Thursday, September 28

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 3

Wendy Hall, Connie Freebern,
Glenda Garrison, Gretchen Hoyt,
Becky Liehr, Carol Murphy

FREE Community Presentation

My Story: The Boy Who Carried Bricks

for parents, grandparents, educators, counselors, community members

Thursday, October 12, 2017 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Adams Boulevard Church of Christ

3700 SE Adams Blvd.—Bartlesville, Oklahoma



Alton Carter

Alton Carter uses his life's journey to inspire youth and adults to change their world. His passage from foster care through adulthood is conveyed through two books: *The Boy Who Carried Bricks* and *Aging Out*. His latest book, *The Boy Who Dreamed Big*, is the story of how a foster child was inspired by his elementary school teacher to use his imagination to overcome his obstacles.

2017 Family Life Symposium Committee

- **Jody Burch**, Edwin Fair Com. Mental Health Center
- **Dawn Marie Colaw**, First Wesleyan Church
- **Joe Colaw**, First Wesleyan Church
- **Charissa Dunn**, Oklahoma Wesleyan University
- **Valerie Geerts**, First Presbyterian Church
- **Kerry Ickleberry**, Bartlesville Public Schools
- **M'Liss Jenkins**, Washington County Wellness Initiative
- **Gale Mills**, OSU Extension
- **Sarah Rowe**, Bartlesville Public Schools
- **Steve Russell**, Realtor, BHHS, Anderson Properties
- **Nancy Warring**, City of Bartlesville

Friday Workshop Symposium

Friday, October 13, 2017, 8:30 AM—4:00 PM

Adams Boulevard Church of Christ

for educators, counselors, ministers, professionals, parents

- ♦ *Why kids self-destruct*
- ♦ *It has to be a team effort*
- ♦ *What is your role?*
- ♦ *Encounters with professionals*
- ♦ *Building a community of hope*

\$55: Please register before October 11
www.familylifesymposium.org

**CEUs Applied for: LPC, LMFT, LADC,
Social Work, Case Managers, CLEET**

Partners:

- Family Promise
- Washington County Wellness Initiative
- Washington County Association for Mental Health

Sponsored by:

- The Eric Krase Memorial Fund
- First Presbyterian Church

Friday's Workshop

Registration & \$55 Payment:

Family Life Symposium / BCF
c/o Bartlesville Community Foundation
208 East 4th Street
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918.337.2287

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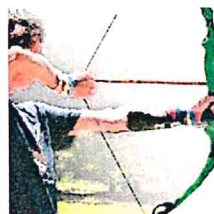
Payment Methods (mail, phone, or online)

- ☐ **\$55 Check** payable to Family Life Symposium/BCF
- ☐ **Purchase Order** (call with PO# & attendee names)
- ☐ **Credit or Debit** (www.familylifesymposium.org)

Names of attendees

CEUs needed

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September 30th

10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**St. Crispin's Camp and Conference Center
36302 State Highway 9
Wewoka, OK 74884**

We want you to come help us celebrate the amazing growth happening at our beloved St. Crispin's!

Adults: \$15

Kids (5-12): \$7

Kids 5 and under: FREE

This fun-filled event designed for the whole family, will feature a friendly barbecue competition between various teams across the state, games, music, t-shirts, face painting, and more! All the proceeds from this event will be used to purchase furnishings for the NEW Summer Camp Welcome Center and Offices!

**Want to attend but feel like it is too far to drive in the day of the event?
St. Crispin's has Lodge rooms available to rent!**

We hope you'll come and share in the celebration!

Register to Attend • Sign-up to compete in the Cook-Off • Lodging Information
www.birdeasepro.com/stcrispinscookoff

*Questions? Contact the Rev. Sean Ekberg at seanekberg@gmail.com or
the Rev. Tom Dahlman at taddahlman@gmail.com*

The Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma presents

Traces of the Trade

A Story from the Deep North

Both events are open to the public

October 2nd: 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

St. John's

4200 South Atlanta Place

Tulsa, OK 74105

October 5th: 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

St. Augustine of Canterbury

14700 North May Avenue

Oklahoma City, OK 73134

A moving documentary that unearths a hidden legacy of slavery in America

"It's about all of us, where we are, and how we got here"



Traces of the Trade traces a journey by Katrina Browne, the filmmaker, and nine of her cousins into the dark past of the slave trade which enriched their white New England family. Dain Perry, one of the nine cousins, and his wife, Constance, will screen the film and facilitate a conversation on race, reconciliation and healing.

Come, listen, learn, and allow yourself to experience the journey

"A far-reaching personal documentary examination of the slave trade. . . . The implications of the film are devastating."

- Stephen Holden, *The New York Times*

"An incredibly well executed and powerful film. It tackles an important discussion about race that most people would rather ignore. . ."

- Jessica Mosby, *The Women's International Perspective*

"Traces of the Trade moves seamlessly from a personal historical narrative to highlighting contemporary truths. . . . [It] is a serious and moving film that not only reveals the roots of our racial divide but also provides examples of actions taken to repair it."

- Dedrick Muhammad, *Sojourners Magazine*