



The Steeple

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
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February 28, 2018



Tuesday Night Soup Supper

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✓ Important Dates To Remember

Family Promise – March 4th – 11th

Our speakers this coming week:
March 6th – Chaplain David Hunter,
Jane Phillips Medical Center

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.

Happy 80th Birthday Celebration!!

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.



Fr. Steve would like to express his heart felt **Thank You!** to everyone who helped and/or participated in the Celebration of New Ministry last Saturday. He is so thankful that he can be part of a loving church that greets everyone "With Arms Wide Open".

He and his family look forward to sharing many years at St. Luke's.

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, Elaine, John 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.)

Lenten Services

Ash Wednesday Feb. 14th-
Services-12:00pm & 5:30pm

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

**Mondays, Feb. 19th-March
19th -**
Holy Communion-5:30pm

Palm Sunday, March 25th-
Holy Communion-8:00am
Holy Communion-10:30am

Monday, March 26th-
Evening Prayer-5:30pm

Wednesday, March 28th -
Stations of the Cross-6:00pm

Thursday, March 29th-
Holy Communion-7:00pm

Good Friday, March 30th-
Good Friday Liturgy-12:00pm

**Easter Vigil, Saturday,
March 31st -**
Holy Communion-7:00pm

Easter, Sunday, April 1st-
Holy Communion-8:00am
Holy Communion-10:30am

Family Promise - March 4-11

All Volunteer Roles have been filled!

Thanks to all who have signed up to volunteer for our upcoming host week. This is all possible thanks to your amazing commitment. Our 3 families will arrive on Sunday, March 4th, and will be cared for in the evenings at

St. Luke's throughout the week. Please keep the families and volunteers in your prayers, as we all prepare ourselves to serve in this important ministry!

Questions? Interested in becoming a volunteer?

Please contact Jen Peterson

918-397-7779 or jenrpet1971@gmail.com

A Gift of Music

The wonderful collaboration between

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
and the Bartlesville Symphony Orchestra
continues this coming Sunday, March 4th at 5:00 p.m.
Those who attended the first of these four mini-
concerts

last Sunday will tell you what a wonderful experience
it was!

The next concert features percussion, harp, double
reeds, and voice.

Performers include: Shelley Davidson and
Travis Dunlap-percussion;
Lorelei Barton-harp;
Darry Carlstone-English horn and oboe;
Callie Rivera-soprano; and Dolores McCreary-organ

There is no admission charge for these
one-hour mini-concerts.

An offering will be received for
St. Luke's Outreach Ministry

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE March 4, 2018 through March 11, 2018

Volunteers: Please make your own substitutions

Acolytes

March 4

Harald Borg, Kimaya Kindred,
Emma Boyle

March 11

Ruth Todd, Emma Perry,
Annabelle Droege

Scripture Lessons for

March 4

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

March 11

Sunday Plate Counter

March 4

Amy Borg

March 11

Bruce Ramzel

Greeters

March 4

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

March 11

8:00am: Don Doty
10:30am: Debbie & Dennis
Mueggenborg

Layreaders

March 4

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

March 11

8:00am: Darian Kedy, Judy
Currey
10:30am: Juanita Green, Kate
Carroll

Music

March 4

The Hymnal 1982 & GATHER
#144 (text) *Lord Jesus, Sun of
Righteousness*
G #159 – *Deep Within*
G # - *We Who Once Were Dead*
#G # - *Live-Giving Bread, Saving-
Cup*
#523 – *Glorious Things of Thee
are Spoken*

Children's Chapel

March 4

Erin Perry

March 11

Bob Tedstrom

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.*

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Nursery Volunteers

March 4

Ruth Todd

March 11

Stefanie Tedstrom

Sunday Coffee Fellowship

Hour

March 4

Available

March 11

Jean Mason's 80th Birthday
Celebration!

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

Bereavement Committee

Team 2

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

Ushers

March 4

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

March 11

8:00am: Don Davidson
10:30am: Brian Ferguson, Mark
Fregin

Agape Mission

Thursday, March 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, March 22

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

**Installation Homily for
Rector Stephen Hood
St Luke's Church
Bartlesville, OK
John 15:1, 6-16
2.24.18**

Prayer:

Gracious and loving God we lift our hearts and minds to you so that we may see you more clearly and love you more dearly.
Amen

Salutation:

Bishop Ed, members of the clergy, vestry and family of St. Luke's, friends and family of Stephen's, I am honored to join you today for this special occasion. Stephen and Tracey, I bring you greetings and blessings from all of your friends at Ascension who stand with you in pride and love.

Homily:

This morning's Gospel passage is exemplified for me everyday, as I work in my garden. You see, a few years ago I retired from a long career in healthcare administration. I built my new home, and moved from the northeast back to Birmingham.

My goal was to become an urban farmer. So, I built raised beds for vegetables, and planted quite a few fruit trees. Next, I had an elaborate wood and steel wire arbor constructed, replete with a 20-ft center beam, for the vines to eventually canopy.

I planted three muscadine vines and one scuppernong vine in hopes that their self-propagation would eventually yield a fine harvest of blended grapes for some great tasting wine. So, I can honestly tell you that I know a thing or two about vine growing.

The funny thing is vines are a lot like people. They require a lot of tending. Vines have to be trained, they have to be tethered. An untended vine can go terribly wrong. Vines require feeding, they have to be propped up from time to time. And, periodically vines require pruning.

Vines have remarkable tinsel strength. They send out branches that seek objects to attach themselves to, and they squirm and ramble in response to daily circadian rhythm. Vines, through their branches climb, creep and sprawl. But, most importantly, vines require a lot of hand-holding, tending.

As you can see there are many similarities between vines and people.

God is the consummate vine grower and he gave us Jesus as the true vine. You know in established vineyards, the true vine grows into a substantive, thick, gnarly, support that is the genesis of all the other smaller vines that will in time produce grapes.

Jesus isn't the root or the stem, he is the true vine. From this holy image we can clearly understand that the church is meant to be the branches, or the smaller vines yet, they need constant tending, or TLC.

The command of love is front and center throughout the Gospel of John. The Greek word *agape*, which means love is used 57 times in John, more often than in the other gospels combined.

Jesus had compassion for the people who had struggled under the old law of God. He knew their wandering's and repeated failure's.

Jesus came to blow up that hard, strict way of living, that old covenant law, by giving an incredibly simple, new commandment.

Jesus said "Love. Just love one another. Love as I have loved you. I call you friends. You did not choose me but, I chose you to love."

So much about Jesus' ministry was choosing his followers. Jesus went to great lengths to share his love far and wide by searching and calling forth his disciples and followers from myriad walks of life. He searched and then chose them: from the sea, to right down from a sycamore tree, from seedy down under, to weddings, from gardens, to mass feedings, from funerals, and even from a quiet encounter at a water well.

So I think vines and branches are indeed a lot like people in that they almost always go their own way, even if it is not the right way, unless they are lovingly tended to.

Vines have definite characteristics, and to get the best out of them, those characteristics have to be considered not after the vines are well on their way in their little lives but, when they are set into the ground.

Jesus had the innate ability to see right into the heart of every person he encountered, and he invariably found their redeeming characteristics in every person he chose.

In our celebrations today we also honor Saint Matthias, the 13th apostle. He was chosen by his peers to replace Judas Iscariot, because of his fundamental desire to always put Christ first.

Matthias faithfully followed Christ from the beginning of his ministry to the Lord's ascension.

Clement of Alexandria said that Matthias, like all the other apostles, was not chosen by Jesus for what he already was, but for what Jesus foresaw he would become. He was elected not because he was worthy but, because he would become worthy.

Now you, the people of St. Luke's have chosen Stephen because of his worthiness. He has come to serve, lead, and love you. You've chosen him to tend you as the branches of this parish, so that the church may further creep and crawl more deeply into it's heavenly calling.

As parish, your task is not complete by simply choosing Stephen as your rector. No you must tend him, too. You must care for him.

You must collaborate and agree on a common vision, then put in place realistic checks and balances, to make certain you stay faithful to how God is calling you together, as priest and parish.

Together, as head and body, you must continually examine what Jesus is urging you to become. Working collaboratively your barometer must be this: how do we, how does the community of Bartlesville, and the Diocese of Oklahoma, see the reflection of Jesus in the life and mission of our parish?

Together, as priest and parish you are responsible for spreading the love and word of Jesus Christ, as he is the true vine and you are the branches, the smaller vines.

Stephen you have a formidable responsibility as the new parish rector. You are to care-take the vine, you are to grow the branches, by being the man of God I know you to be.

As priest, and leader of St. Luke's, Stephen you are to point to God in everything you do. And, as St Francis so poetically said, - 'you are to preach the Gospel at all times, and use words if necessary.'

The scripted process for searching and calling a new rector is filled with tasks and tedium. I know as a body of Christ, that your due diligence and discovery, throughout the 'search process,' led you to make acquaintance with some very talented and stand out priests.

Today we celebrate that hard work of your vestry and parish, in the absolute best decision you could have possibly made, by choosing Father Stephen Dale Hood.

Let me tell you why, because I know, not only a thing or two about vines, but I know Stephen Hood.

Stephen was born to be a priest. He has a natural and deep love for Christ. His moral compass is grounded in the true north of Jesus.

Stephen is a passionate man. He fiercely loves Tracey, and he adores his children. He is a family man. He's passionate about many things, one in particular--car racing. So much so that he had a permanent, cardboard, office assistant, named-- Dale Jr.

As an Eagle Scout, and a life long naturalist, he is a primary author of being prepared.

He is a renaissance man. A man you would want with you, on a long journey.

Even though he is the manliest of men, he has a gentle soul and a meekness that is enduring and endearing.

As a fellow clergy with him, I found his theology to be as pure as the driven snow and utterly uncomplicated--- God is love.

Stephen is a proven leader, a visionary, and he defines that 'can do' mentality. He inspires and he tends. He knows how to sit quietly and listen, and he listens with his heart.

Now Stephen is a big man, a size 15 shoe, and he is accustomed, because of his height, to towering over others, yet the most organic component of him is anchored in his humility.

In each parish that Stephen has served in, he has embodied love. He always errs on the side of compassion. A helpmate to families, a friend to the needy, a faithful servant, a reliable colleague, an engaged leader, faithful to his parishioners and his Bishop.

Every parish has characteristics that they need a leader to help them identify, and build on. Stephen can do this but, he needs each of you, the collective whole of you, to stay true to the fundamental task of 'what is Jesus calling us to be'?

So, I think vines are like veins, whose primary function is to carry the oxygen rich blood that courses through our very beings to sustain us, nourish us and grow us. Jesus, the true vine, sprawls his divinity and humanity into each of us.

As we come to the table again and again to fortify, and refuel, we are nourished by Christ's love so that we may bear fruit, as priest and parish, and take it out into the world.

God is always straining to meet us where we are, just as the tender branches of the summer vines strain to reach the light from above. As the living body of Christ, Stephen and St. Luke's, now is your time, now is the beginning of a new increment in your spiritual history together.

God is reaching to us even now. Beckoning us to embrace and stand on the holy ground of this spiritual union of priest and parish. If we listen, not only with our ears, rather with our hearts, then I just know we will but hear the beautiful breath of heaven, God's very ruach, saying --well done my good and faithful servant.

This glorious celebration happens today because each of us have been chosen by Jesus to bear fruit. Jesus knows all of our hearts, and he has shown you Stephen, and knitted you together, to carry on the Good News.

May your new life be filled with grace, and may the love of the one true vine, Jesus Christ, sustain and support the newly intertwined vines of priest and parish, so that together, you may bear abundant fruit.

Prayer:

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen and Amen



Birthday's & Anniversaries

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|----|--------------------|----|--------------------------------|---|
| 1 | Jerry Nezam | 3 | Jim & Becky Liehr | ♥ |
| 7 | Jennifer Rowlett | 4 | Jim & Ada Grillot | ♥ |
| 8 | Tom Wiseman | 13 | Steve & Cheryl VanAken | ♥ |
| 10 | Geraldine Wright | 15 | Walter & Donna Allison | ♥ |
| 11 | Walt Gasior | 16 | Bruce & Mary Ramzel | ♥ |
| 11 | Sage Sutton | 18 | Bill Pendley & Camden Campbell | ♥ |
| 11 | Shelley Hopkins | 26 | Fr. Steve & Tracy Hood | ♥ |
| 11 | Judith Chamberlain | 31 | Jim & Susan Brooks | ♥ |
| 15 | Paul Stuart | | | |
| 17 | Thomas Dean | | | |
| 20 | Nick Bonham | | | |
| 20 | Cheryl Bridendolph | | | |
| 21 | Anneke Borg | | | |
| 21 | Cindy Gasior | | | |
| 21 | Spencer Heald | | | |
| 23 | Nick Conner | | | |
| 25 | Blair Ellis | | | |
| 27 | Robert Beard | | | |
| 27 | Helen Morgan | | | |
| 28 | Keaton Mitchell | | | |
| 28 | Vicki Travaglini | | | |
| 30 | Linda Beard | | | |
| 30 | Lauren Green | | | |
| 31 | Elliott Ingram | | | |



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| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Family Promise – March 4-11 | | | | | | |
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