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The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church



Stepping into the 'Holiness' of Holy Week

Greetings my friends. Well, we are deep into the heart of Lent, aren't we? I hope that your spiritual practices have been enriched by our time together this season and that you are beginning to think how you might participate in the services that are going to be offered during Holy Week here at Luke's Place.

The worship team met yesterday to plan this year's Triduum and though it is three weeks away, we wanted you to know what we are planning well in advance in hopes that you will be able to attend as many events as you can. The Triduum, you'll recall, is one service over three days beginning with Maundy Thursday, then Good Friday, and concluding with the Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday night.

Service Times this year are as follows:

Saturday April 9th: Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary and the making of Palm Crosses in Rodgers Hall, begins at 9:00am .

All are invited. Doughnuts will be served!

Sunday April 10th: Palm Sunday 0800 and 1030.

Both with the Blessing of Palms and a Procession at the 1030 service. Meet in Metcalf Hall.

April 14th: Maundy Thursday beginning at 6:00 p.m. with a light supper

Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing and the Stripping of the Altar at 7:00 p.m.
Afterward is the all night Vigil in the Chapel.

April 15th: Good Friday 12:00 p.m.

Solemn Eucharist from the Reserved Sacrament and Veneration of the Cross.

April 16th: The Great Vigil of Easter 6:00 p.m.

Gathering to light the New Fire will take place in the Memorial Garden.

April 17th: Easter Day 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Alleluias are back x2!

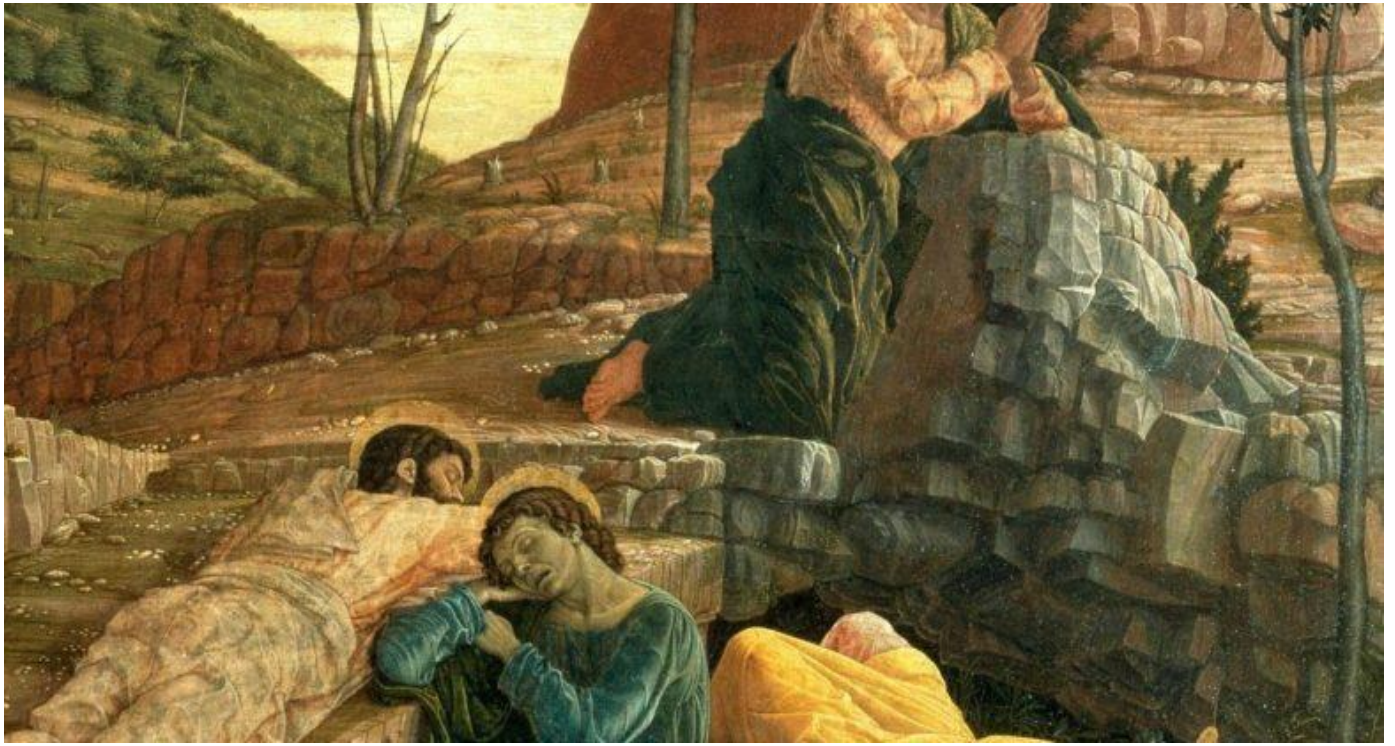
My friends, Holy Week will be a full week – of emotions, of heartache, and love all crashing into one another. It is the one week out of the year that I go through and find myself emerging on the other side with a new perspective, softened – changed and so held by the power of Christ's Resurrection that I can barely put what I feel into words. I invite you to experience that with me. Come walk with me to the Garden. Let us make our way to that Green Hill Far Away, and then with the new fire enter the tomb with Christ and whisper – “awake” rise from the dead. Alleluia!

Love

Nick+



For
Concern



The Gethsemane Watch: A Maundy Thursday Vigil

"For some people, participating for an hour at a vigil is a daunting task... While it may be a challenge, it can be a wonder-filled, grace-filled blessing."

St Luke's will be having the Maundy Thursday Vigil in the Chapel after the Maundy Thursday service. A sign up board will be in the Narthex. It will be held from 9:00pm- 9:00am. Sign up for an hour watch or more! Bring prayer material, reading material or mediation. As Jesus asked Peter : "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." (Matt 26: 40,41)

Midweek Manna

Wednesdays

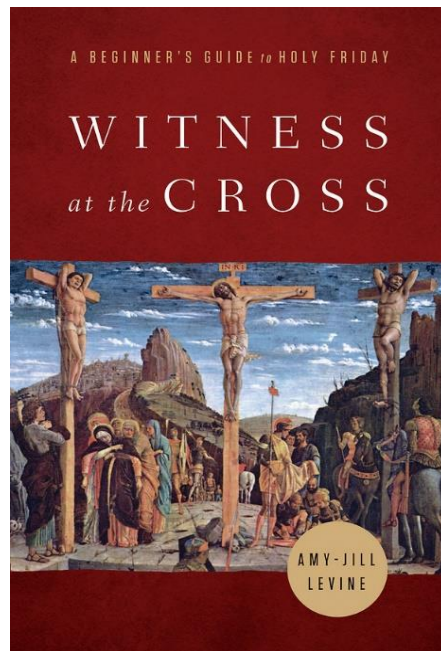
At

5:45pm

Metcalf Hall

Dinner Provided

**Program for Children, Youth,
and Adults**



Ukrainian Refugee Crisis What are we to do?

Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.

-- Mathew 25:40

How you can help:

- [Episcopal Relief & Development Fund](#)
- [Charity Navigator Guide to Ukrainian Relief Efforts](#)
- [International Committee of the Red Cross – Ukraine Crisis](#)
- [The United Nations Refugee Agency \(UNHCR\)](#)



Fourth Sunday of Lent

Beloved, we are making our Lenten journey – a special grace filled time for each one of us. We entered this prayerful Season of Lent with ritual of beautiful symbols – ash, water and oil, with a holy purpose and wholeheartedly. Since then, three weeks have past. Today we have entered the 26th day of this special journey. With

deeper silence and solicitude may we have the strength and grace to enter the Paschal Mystery of Christ through whom the whole of creation is being redeemed. Traditionally this Sunday is called 'Laetare Sunday'. A day of celebration within the austere period of Lent. The book of Nehemiah says "the joy of the Lord is your strength". 8:10.

Rector's Bible Study
Thursdays, Metcalf Hall 9:15am-10:15am



Theologians Corner: Barbara Brown Taylor

Barbara Brown Taylor is a best-selling author, teacher, and Episcopal priest. Her first memoir, *Leaving Church*, won an Author of the Year award from the Georgia Writers Association in 2006.

Taylor was born on September 21, 1951, in Lafayette, Indiana. She did her undergraduate studies at Emory University where she graduated in 1973. She then went on to study at Yale Divinity School, where she graduated in 1976. She was ordained in 1984 and became the rector of Grace-Calvary Episcopal Church (Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta) in Clarkesville, Georgia, in 1992. She later left parish ministry and became a full-time professor at Piedmont College in Demorest, Georgia, and an adjunct professor of Christian spirituality at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. She taught world religions and exposed her mainly Christian students to other faiths so they could better understand how various groups worship.

In 1996, she was named one of the twelve "most effective" preachers in the English-speaking world by Baylor University. She was awarded the 1998 Emory Medal by the Emory Alumni Association of Emory University for her distinguished achievement in education. In February 2009, Barbara Brown Taylor led the second annual Piedmont College religion conference in Athens, Georgia. Taylor was also the keynote speaker at the conference in previous years. In addition, Taylor gave the 2009 Annual Buechner Lecture at the Buechner Institute at King University. She has written twelve books on faith and spirituality. In February 2010, days before Piedmont College's religion conference, Taylor ranked in the top ten most influential living preachers in a poll conducted by the Southern Baptist Convention.

Books

Always A Guest, Westminster John Knox, 2020

Holy Envy, HarperOne, 2019

Learning to Walk in the Dark, HarperOne, 2014

An Altar in the World, HarperOne, 2009

Leaving Church, HarperSanFrancisco, 2006

The Seeds of Heaven, Westminster John Knox, 2004

Speaking of Sin, Cowley, 2000

The Luminous Web, Cowley, 2000
Home By Another Way, Cowley, 1999
When God is Silent, Cowley, 1998
Mixed Blessings, Cowley, 1998
God in Pain, Abingdon, 1998
Bread of Angels, Cowley, 1997
Gospel Medicine, Cowley, 1995
The Preaching Life, Cowley, 1993



Choir for Holy Week and Easter

There's still time to come around and make music with the Choir! Rehearsals will continue each Wednesday beginning at 5:00pm. We are preparing to be ready to sing for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter! Yes, there is plenty of room, plenty of music, and robes to fit every size!

FAITH FORUM on Sundays 9:15 a.m.- 10:15 a.m. Metcalf Hall

March 27th A Visit from our Ministry Partner, CONCERN of Bartlesville.

April 3rd Stations of the Cross – History and Tradition.

April 10th Palm Sunday – Holy Week Overview.

April 17th Easter Sunday – No Faith Forum.

April 24th Stations of the Resurrection – History and Tradition.

May 1st Easter Series – A 5 Week Series - TBD.

June 5th Pentecost - No Faith Forum (Parish Picnic).



Project Manager Needed:
Parish Archivist - Still asking!



Pub Theology

Pub Theology is scheduled for the last Thursday of each month.

The next meeting will be at **6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 31st**
at Tumbleweed's Steak House.

Note: New time- New place!

Children's Programming K-5th grade

Godly Play this week!

Drop your K-5th graders off upstairs at 10:15am. Each week, we will alternate between music and Godly Play, giving children a chance to experience both! The children will rejoin their families in church before communion. Please contact Keeli Droege: keelidroege@gmail.com

Coffee Hour is Back! Metcalf Hall after the 10:30am service

Luke's Place March 24th -March 30th , 2022

- Mar 24th - Men's Breakfast, 7-8:30am Metcalf Hall**
 Rector's Bible Study, 9:15am-10:15am, Metcalf Hall
 Green Country Eucharist, 1pm GC Village
- Mar 27th - Rite I Eucharist, 8am, Chapel**
 Rector's Forum- 9:15am-10:15am
 Children's Godly Play, 10:15am, upstairs Playroom 1
 Rite II Eucharist, 10:30am
 COFFEE HOUR IS BACK! Metcalf Hall,after 10:30am service
- Mar 30th - Choir Rehearsal 5:00pm Choir Room**
 Midweek Manna 5:45pm Dinner, Metcalf Hall

Morning Prayer is held every Monday- Thursday at 9am, Chapel

Evening Prayer is held every Monday-Thursday at 4pm, Chapel (or via Facebook)

Birthdays and Anniversaries, -March 24th – March 30th , 2022

Birthdays

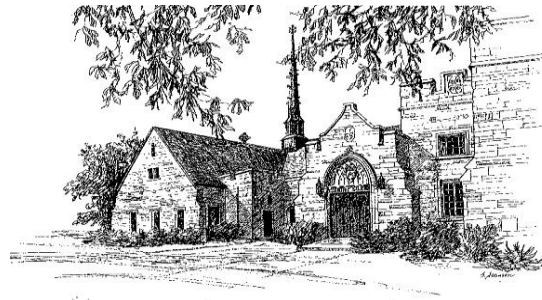
Anniversaries

Blair Ellis	25th
Helen Morgan	27th
Keaton Mitchell	28th
Vicki Travaglini	28th
Lauren Green	30th

**If your or a loved one's name doesn't appear on the list, please email or call
the office, and we will add your birthday or anniversary!**

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