

St. Luke's Times

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

A Word from the Rector

September 2016



The great theologian Frankie Valli once sang "see you in September." And I hope he's right! While the summer here at St. Luke's was probably like every summer here and at just about every church that's not down the shore, September brings about a return to our normal patterns.

On Sunday September 11th we will welcome our choir back and Sunday School starts up. We will again be offering classes for Pre-K through High School. One change for the coming year is that the Round Table, our adult Christian Formation will now be meeting at the same time as the rest of Sunday School from approximately 11:15-noon. So after you've gotten your coffee and snack come join us in the Fryer Room. More information about what we will be studying and discussing can be found in this newsletter in a

separate article. Please know that the Auditorium will continue to be a place for those who just wish to sit and fellowship with other adults.

The evening of September 11th we will have a prayer service at 4:30 in remembrance of 9-11 and this will then be followed by our annual parish picnic. Please come and join us as we continue to remember those who lost their lives and for our world that continues to experience strife.

The Autism Service will resume again at 4:30 pm on September the 18th and will be held the third Sunday of the month at that time.

On Saturday September 24th you are invited to two different events, sadly being held at the same time. I will be going to the Cathedral in Trenton for an Evening Prayer service honoring Senior members. This year St. Luke's will recognize Sylvia Taylor and Pearl Gatling. That service begins at 2 pm. At the same time here at St. Luke's the Fall exhibit for Nails on the Wall will have its opening. Nails on the Wall is one of our great outreach and evangelism tools and our gallery has gained

national recognition.

I am hoping to get around to support our young people in their extra-curricular activities. So if you're son or daughter is involved in a sport at the high school level, or is in a theater production, plays in the band or has a winter concert, please let me know.

I am also hoping that on St. Luke's day weekend, this year October 16th, I'd like to see a new annual tradition of recognizing those members who are part of the 90+ club. I know this was done before and I think it would be a great annual tradition!

I would like to thank Ted Latham for all the hard work he has done over the years to create a space where our historical artifacts can be kept and easily accessed. Ted has stepped down from his position as Historiographer and we will be seeking someone with the same passion for history and love for St. Luke's that Ted has had and to build on the foundation he has laid.

I'm looking forward to our second year together in ministry.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Ed+

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Round Table – New Time – Same Place

As noted in Fr. Ed's article Round Table will now be held following the 10 am service. Grab your coffee and snack and come to the Fryer Room. In September we will be watching a video series on the history of Anglicanism.

Here's a schedule of what's coming this month:

September 11: *Part I: Ancient and Medieval Foundations* The roots of our tradition are traced in the evolution and mission and ministry of the pre-Reformation English Church.

September 18: *Part II: Reformation and Its Consequences* Henry VIII's often

misunderstood break with papal authority initiates the shaping of classical Anglicanism.

September 25: *Part III: Creating a Global Family* The Anglican genius for adaptation is seen in its response to the modern world and its evolution into a worldwide communion.

Sunday School begins September 11th



On September 11th at about 11:15, the teachers will be in their classrooms ready to welcome back their students. The Preschool/Kindergarten Class will be taught by Kasi and Eletia LeGrand and will meet in the "Green Room" between the Choir Room and Gallery.

The Primary Class – grades 1-3 will be taught by Madelyn Grosso

and Dianne Zimmerman and will meet in the Craft Room next to the Chapel this year.

The curriculum will once again be Living the Good News which follows the lectionary so that the lessons will work with the readings that the children have heard during the service. The teachers hope to see your children on September 11th.

Choir Rehearsal begins on Thursday, September 8th Schola Rehearsal begins on Sunday, September 11th

Now is the perfect time to join the choir as it begins rehearsal on Thursday, September 8th at 7:30 pm in the Choir room. Men are especially needed.

Julia Jenson is very excited about the program for the Schola this year. The students will be learning

some wonderful new music, and bringing back some old favorites. Choristers are expected to attend at least one rehearsal a week and two times are offered. The first rehearsal is Sundays at noon immediately following Sunday School and begins September 11th.

The second rehearsal is Thursdays from 3:30 – 5:30 and begins on September 15th. Students do not need to be members of St. Luke's. All students will need a placement audition. Please contact Julia at schola@stlukesmetuchen.org to schedule an audition.

Get Involved in Worship



Eucharistic Ministers, Crucifers, Torch Bearers, Lectors and Ushers are needed for all three services. Children can begin as Ushers in First Grade. Children can begin as torch bearers as early as 2nd grade if they are ready. Once children can read fluently, they can also be lectors. Then they can progress to be crucifers and eventually Eucharistic Ministers once they have been confirmed and have reached the age of 16. The first Sunday of each month is youth Sunday where we have children/youth serve in all positions. The other weeks of the month we would like our children and youth to be acolytes and the adults to serve as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Ushers. If you are interested, see Karina or Father Ed.

A Eucharistic Minister is especially needed for the 8am service as Bill Nesbitt will be leaving us as he continues on his journey of becoming a deacon. See Father Ed if you are interested.

What's Up Warden? - Plentiful Activity

What beautiful buildings we have!

Saint Luke's Renovation Task Force has been very busy this past month. Much of the activity is quite visible. In addition to the landscaping, plans have been approved for a new entry plaza in front of Fryer Hall. The Borough of Metuchen has approved the architect's plan for upgrading our two handicapped parking spaces in front of the church. Last week the task force approved the new energy efficient windows to be installed throughout the campus as well as concept drawings for barrier free access into the church from inside Fryer Hall and outside the church.

Last Sunday, many of you took advantage of the tutorial sessions held after the 8 and 10 o'clock

services to sign up for the Scrips Program. We will have additional tutorial sessions on Sunday, September 11th. The sessions will be offered after the 8 & 10 o'clock services as well as during the Parish Picnic. I encourage everyone to check out the Scrips Program and see if you can find a way to participate. This is a major, ongoing fundraising activity for Saint Luke's that is simple and practical. If you'd like additional information about the Scrips Program contact Nancy Torok or Katherine Young.

In mid-August the Wardens had the pleasure of attending a Nails in the Wall Gallery meeting. We learned a great deal about the plans for the next several shows. A very exciting tidbit was the board's plan

for hosting an upcoming interactive event. I don't know if the cat is out of the bag yet, so I'll not say anything...

Finally, our program year kicks off on September 11th. The music program, Christian Education for both young and not so young, and all of the associated activity will be in full swing. After a worship-filled morning, there will be a service commemorating the events of 9/11 at 4:30 followed by the Parish Picnic. In addition to the Scrips Program tutorial during the picnic, the second Rectory Open House will take place. Stop by to see the beautiful work completed in the Rectory.

Peace~
Kathy

News from the Pews



On Sunday, August 21 we welcomed, Katherine Annaliese Jirout Donohue and Christina Sophia Jirout Donohue, daughters of Mark J. Donohue Jr. and Julie Jirout, into the Body of Christ and our Church Family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Christina and Katherine participated in Vacation Bible School this summer prior to their baptism.



On September 2nd we will say goodbye to long time member Theron Covert Foote, Jr known to most of us as Ted. Ted has been a member of St. Luke's since 1974 when he transferred to St. Luke's with his family.

Parish Picnic – September 11



St. Luke's annual Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 11th at @ 5:00 pm on the lawn in front of the playground following the 4:30 Service in Memory of 9/11.

Families are asked to provide a package of hot dogs,

hamburgers, or vegiburgers as well as a side dish or dessert. Individuals and couples are asked to bring a package of hot dog or hamburger buns and a side dish or dessert or to purchase an item off of the following list. When purchasing items plan on an attendance of about 60 people. The items to be purchased are: Paper plates, napkins, cutlery, mustard, ketchup, relish, water, juice boxes, ice tea and/or lemonade in cans. Side dishes needed are: tossed salad, potato salad, macaroni salad, pasta salad, coleslaw, baked beans, fresh fruit, and other types of salad.

Sign-up sheets will be in the back of the church on September 4th and 11th. St. Luke's only has one grill, if someone has a charcoal grill that they would like to bring for the day that would move things along.

We also are in need of volunteers to help set-up, grill, and clean-up. Please indicate on the sign-up sheet if you would be willing to assist with one of these tasks.



Gallery Opening – September 24 from 2-5pm



Great Spirits Among Us: Saints, Prophets, Holy People," an exhibition of visual arts, showcases the goodness at the heart of every human person.

The exhibit opens **Saturday, September 24, 2016, 2-5pm** with live music and refreshments, provided by the Metuchen Inn, and is free and open to the public. Presentations and an Artists' Conversation will take place at 3pm. **Nails in the Wall, the Gallery at St. Luke's**, the Metuchen exhibition space sponsored by St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 17 Oak Ave., Metuchen, NJ, will begin its fifth year with this exhibit, showing work by 44 artists across the country and Austria. While the exhibit was planned some two years in advance, the

Gallery sees it as a wonderful antidote to the toxic socio-political environment in which we find ourselves.

The exhibit is a powerful, inclusive mix of 70 pieces of art. Human personhood, the best of who we are, expressed through realistic human images are presented in this exhibit through a great variety of media, from bronze, wood and ceramic sculpture, to a handmade book; from collage and watercolor to drawings and oil paintings. And yes, there are images of those who are recognizable as 'holy people'...of course, Michigan artist **Alexander Zorin's** "Francis of Assisi" is there, but so are photographs of local children, by **Nadira Husain**. And a stunning toray print of the African American Civil Rights Activist Fanny Lou Hammer by **Onnie Strother** of East Orange, NJ is right there with that other female change-maker

Joan of Arc, an oil painting by San Francisco artist **Adrienne Sherman**.

There is work with a distinctly Jewish flavor, as in Michigan artist **Saralee Howard's** "Teaching the Torah," and those that speak of Hindu origins, the photographic tryptik of Highland Park, NJ artist **John Marron**.

Notes, Gallery Director Linda Vonderschmidt-LaStella, "As the exhibit that opens our fifth year, I believe this show really speaks clearly to the mission of Nails in the Wall, the Gallery at St. Luke's: to bring together high quality art, both local and international, around very broad human-spiritual themes."

The exhibit continues on view through Dec. 31, 2016; check www.nailsinthewall.org for daily open times.

~September 2016 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 8:00 Holy Eucharist 9 Early Bird Ed 10:00 Holy Eucharist followed by Coffee Hour	5 Labor Day Office Closed	6 8 Morning Prayer 5:30 Evening Prayer 7 SLRTF	7 8 Morning Prayer 10:00 Healing Service followed by Bible Study 5:30 Evening Prayer	8 8 Morning Prayer 5:30 Evening Prayer 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	9 8 Morning Prayer 5:30 Evening Prayer 6:30 Set up for Flea Market	10 9 Flea Market 2:30 Clean-up from Flea Market 5:30 Holy Eucharist
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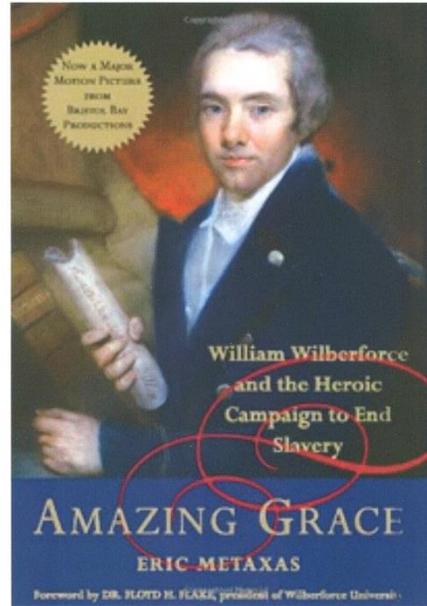


Flea Market – Saturday, October 1
Metuchen Country Fair - Saturday, October 1
Pumpkins Arrive – Sunday, October 2 at 4pm and **Patch begins**
Christmas Fair - Saturday, December 3

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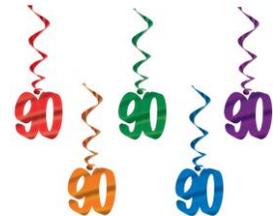
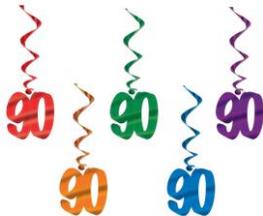
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Friday, September 16, 7pm
Fryer Room

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www.stlukesmetuchen.org



**The Children of Doris Williams
Invite Members of St. Luke's
to join in the celebration
of her 90th Birthday
on Saturday, September 24th from 1-5pm
in St. Luke's Fryer Hall Auditorium
RSVP to Lynn at lw2416@mail.com or Kim at 732-957-0289**