From the Rector

Well the new year is off and running. St. Luke’s continues to be very active in our ministries and we continue to strive forward in following where we believe Christ is leading.

In January we had a baptism, and even better an adult baptism. Kay Floersch is the newest member of the body of Christ, congratulations to her. We were saddened to learn of the death of former member Jack Hubert. Jack was one of my Sunday School teachers. His remains were buried in the Memorial Garden last month.

Liturgically most of this month will continue to be the season of Epiphany. On the first weekend in February we will observe the Feast of the FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. It is sometimes called FEAST OF THE PURIFICATION OF THE VIRGIN and CANDLEMAS DAY. On February 16th, the Diocese will be hosting the Annual Absalom Jones service which celebrates the ministry of Black Episcopalians. The service is 3 pm at the Cathedral. I will be attending and would love for folks to join me. The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be on February 25 from 5-7pm. Ash Wednesday I will again be at the Train Station on the Northbound side doing “Ashes to Go” from 6 am-9 am. There will be two services here at the church 10 am and 7:30 pm. Please bring in last year’s palms to be burned after the Pancake Supper.

On the renovation front, work has begun on the driveway and parking lot. You will notice that there are now stones outlining the driveway and lot. The actual paving will occur when asphalt season begins. The Auditorium now has air conditioning! While we won’t need it this month, it will be great to have in the summer when we will be potentially worshipping in there as the interior of the old church gets fixed. At the end of the month, the stained glass windows that are currently out will be coming back in and the remaining windows will be going out.

Last month I had the pleasure of attending the “winter concerts” for orchestra, band and chorus of Edgar Middle School. St. Luke’s youth, Giovanni Fighera, Katey Donohue, Emily Grosso, Kimmie Floersch, Maddie Rivera and Lauren Kantar were all involved. Great job folks! As always if your child has a concert, or is in a play or sporting event, let me know, I enjoy supporting our young people in their extracurricular activities. Speaking of the youth, I am looking forward to attending the Acolyte Festival with many of our acolytes. We’ve sent a group each year.

Lent begins next month, and I am hoping to provide a Lenten meditation or activity book to all who want one. In addition Stations of the Cross will be offered every Friday at 7 pm. There will also be a Lenten Study program with our Rt 1 Corridor parishes. The topic hasn’t been picked as of this writing, but it will be on Thursdays from 6:30-8pm, with a different parish hosting.

I hope you have signed up for the pictorial directory or will at least submit a photo. It would be great to have everyone included so we can start to put names with faces. I also hope you will become attend the opening of the next Nails in the Wall Gallery exhibit on February 1. If you can’t come that day, I hope you will take a moment and visit the Gallery or perhaps invite a friend to come and see.
The Annual meeting is February 9 following the 10 am service. I’m sorry for the delay but we were not ready with a budget or slate of candidates at the end of last month.
I will be away at my annual Gathering of Leaders from February 3-6. Anne Marie Jeffrey, Rector of St. Peter’s Perth Amboy will be covering for me in emergency situations.
As I’ve said on numerous occasions I hope that you are feeling blessed by being a part of St. Luke’s. And that you might consider inviting a friend to join you at one of our services or any of the activities we have this month.
Yours in Christ,
Fr. Ed

MLK Service

Baptism of Kay Floersch
5 – Brittney Calloway
6 – Emily Grosso
12 – Bonita Calloway
15 – Rocco Sardone
15 – John Fighera
17 – Anthony Lambiase
19 – Carl Klapper
22 – Samantha Hong
22 – Christina Donohue
22 – Aiden Russell
23 – Eleanor Rosen
23 – Sarah Yuro
24 – Nancy Torok
25 – Sergio Lukic
26 – Annette Garbett
26 – Diane Lebida
27 – Carol Marraro
27 – Julia Jenson
28 – Nora Carlisle
28 – Rosalie DiSimone -Weiss

3 – Robbie & Denise Robbins
22 – Michael & Asharra Zelley

Dot Canary 90th Birthday
St. Luke's Historian, Ted Latham, will join with other Metuchen/Edison Historical Society member's to show our unique historical artifacts, and to informally discuss Metuchen's, Edison's and St. Luke's independent and mutual histories. The date, time and place:

**METUCHEN – EDISON LOCAL HISTORY DAY**

February 9, 2020
Metuchen Public Library – 1:30-4:00pm
480 Middlesex Avenue, Metuchen NJ

This year featuring: "The Centennial of Women's Suffrage - 1920"

Historical Society Publications for Sale

Also featured this year will be collections of old photographs & postcards, of Metuchen & Edison, old maps, aerial photographs, old house information, and St. Luke’s artifacts!

This program is free and open to the public. Parking is available in the Library parking lot and on Library Place. In the event of inclement weather, call 732-906-0529 for cancellation information.
Celebrating Absalom Jones
A Service of Witness to Black Ministry in the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey

Trinity Cathedral
Sunday
February 16, 2020
3:00 P.M.

Pre-Service Concert
2:30 P.M.

Sponsored by:
Black Clergy Caucus
Union of Black Episcopalians

Preaching:
The Rev. Dr. Anne-Marie Jeffrey
St. Peter's Episcopal Church,
Perth Amboy

Highlighting:
St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church,
Elizabeth, NJ

Honoring:
Clergy & Lay Communicants

Reception following:
Synod Hall

Contact:
Ven. Lynn H. Johnson
609-396-1484
revljh2000@comcast.net
Courage: The Fight Against Inequality

a juried fine art exhibit of 27 fine art works by 19 artists:
Painting, photography, fiber art, collage, and more!

Opening Reception
Saturday, Feb 1, 2pm-5pm

On the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment allowing women the right to vote, this exhibit explores the power of one voice to proclaim inequality, and the combination of many voices to bring about change in society.

Exhibit on view
Feb 1 - May 15, 2020
M-F 10am-1pm, Sun 11am-1pm

individuals and groups are invited to contact us for alternate times
732-548-4308 exhibits@sStLukesMetuchen.org www.StLukesMetuchen.org
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All you need to do is go to our website, www.stlukesmetuchen.org & click on the logo at the bottom right of the page. This will take you to the Amazon website where a percentage of everything you order during that session will be credited to St. Luke’s. This includes the purchase of items, gift cards, digital music, digital books, magazine subscriptions and much more. Please note, you need to come back to www.stlukesmetuchen.org for every order to click on the link to Amazon again for a portion of your next order to go to St. Luke’s. If you do not use Amazon, share this with your friends and family who do and ask them to help you support St. Luke’s.

The following policy was put in place by the Vestry in October 2016;

When you spend your own money on behalf of Saint Luke’s with the intent of seeking reimbursement please follow the following protocols;

1Get a detailed receipt that identifies the item you purchased for Saint Luke’s.
2Make a copy of the receipt and circle the item(s) for which you are seeking reimbursement.
3On the receipt, print your name and the reason for the purchase.
4Complete a Request for Reimbursement form. These forms are available in the Parish Office.
5Staple the receipt to the request form.
6Give your completed form to the Parish Secretary.

Some additional information:
Any requests for reimbursement must be made within 45 days of the original purchase. The Treasurer has published the check disbursement schedule which you can access through the Parish Secretary. Prior to checks being written, one of the Wardens will review all disbursement requests for approval. Reimbursement checks will be written as part of the regular disbursement schedule.

For March, reimbursements must be in the office by 4:00 pm on Thursday, March 8 & 22, 2019.

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