

St. Luke's Times

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

January 2019

A Word from the Rector



A new year is upon us. Perhaps like me, you are also reflecting upon the year that is past and are beginning to make resolutions for the coming year. For me 2018 was a year that had great highs but also some real lows. Maybe that is nothing more than what it means to be truly human these days. The world in which we find ourselves can bring to us surprises of great joy, but also times of uncertainty and even down right deflating, spiritually or emotionally.

The one thing that I have found sustained me through this roller coaster of a year was as you might expect my faith in the presence of Jesus throughout. Scripture tells us that Christ is the same yesterday and today and

forever. I also take comfort in knowing that I am part of a faith community that can be happy when I'm happy, sad when I'm sad, but walking along with Jesus together no matter what.

In the coming year, I hope we will continue to heal those parts of our life together where healing is needed, some of which pre date my arrival. I also hope that we can continue to look towards what being part of the Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement can be as we seek to minister in this part of God's Kingdom.

I hope we will finish the restoration project of the church. I hope we will strengthen the ways in which we invite, welcome and connect people to our church. I know that we will be seeking a new music minister and that person will be able to build and expand the music ministry of our church. I also hope that many of you will open your hearts and minds to help myself and the vestry discern what God needs us to be doing in 2019.

I pray that this is a year

of great joy for all of you. And I pray that in those times that aren't so good this faith community will be a place you can turn to and feel loved and supported by.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Ed+

Edmund W. Zelley,
Rector

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Interim Music Minister

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Capital Funds

St. Luke's Hot Meals Ministry

**HOT MEALS
MINISTRY: Still Going
Strong**

St. Luke's Hot Meals Ministry continues its work to prepare a scrumptious lunch once a month for those less fortunate in Central New Jersey.

Over the past several years, we have performed our ministry on the fourth Sunday of every month from September through June (we take off for the summer) and the Center for Spiritual Renewal at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Keansburg, NJ, a combined meeting hall/soup kitchen. Those involved in the ministry gather after the 8 AM service. After a quick stop for coffee, we head down the Garden State Parkway. Once there, we unpack our food and begin preparations. At

around 12 noon, we start "slingin' hash." Although we try to diversify our menu, the regular patrons especially love our Chicken Parmigiano with pasta. (Linda Zeh makes wickedly good red sauce!) After serving meals for about an hour, we pack up the leftovers, clean up and head home. We are usually back in Metuchen by 2 PM.

It's a wonderful ministry – but not for the faint of heart. We are on our feet a lot, and when the chow bell rings, there's a lot of running around. But it's also a deeply rewarding ministry – one that brings the kind, giving spirit of St. Luke's out into the community in the service of others. Many of our Hot Mealers often say it also provides for them a certain "grounding"

and appreciation for the blessings bestowed on us.

How can you help out? First, you can volunteer to join us some time. You don't have to commit to every month. You can help out when you can – or you can even be on a back-up call list for when we need someone in a pinch. You also can help out by continuing to make those wonderful baked goods that we find in the Fryer Hall kitchen on our ministry days. Most of the cakes provided at the Center are store-bought – so our patrons love when we arrive with home-baked cakes, cookies and other sweets. You also can make donations of food – such as #10 cans of items like mixed veggies, green beans, tomato sauce, crushed tomatoes, etc. So, the next time

you're at Costco or BJ's -- think of us! And, if you'd like to make a monetary donation, such as a gift card to Costco or a local supermarket, just put it in an envelope and drop it in the collection plate marked for "Hot Meals."

Anyone who is interested in learning more about the Hot Meals Ministry, or wish to register to be a volunteer with us, please reach out to Jim & Patrick at (732) 906-5637 or at hotmeal@stlukesmetuchen.org. If we're not home, just leave a message and a callback number – and one of us will reach out to you.

Peace!

Jim & Patrick

First Report to the Congregation



St. Luke's Fair 2018

All involved with the 2018 St. Luke's Christmas Fair had a glow for some time after the Fair was over. Again, this year the St. Luke's Christmas Fair was a success. The Fair is about raising funds and bringing people into St. Luke's for a lovely event and for the congregation working together to create the event. We were successful in all counts. The Fair raised \$5,051.05 which was more than was raised in recent history. The support of the congregation was fantastic.

Every year I say that most of the parishioners did something to make the Fair a success and this year it seemed to be even more true. For the first time this year there was a decorating committee headed by Brenda Yuro, who with the help of Gerylyn Hearne transformed Fryer Hall and the entrance into a Christmas scene. The

large number of people attending the Fair can be attributed to the work of the publicity committee Barbara Crafton and Carla Smith. Joan McNulty, Barbara Crafton and Florence Tracey, Charlotte Gudorp, Linda Zeh, Diane Lebida, John Sharp and Ann Marie Stone became the Fair organizing committee and gave the Fair a sound plan. Again, this year Charlotte Gudorp and Linda Zeh completely organized the Trinkets and Treasures table. They went through all of the donations, sorted them, displayed them to their best advantage and spent all day selling them. They had help with selling including Dot Canary and her daughters, Dee and Leah, Bill Dress, Gloria Dutwein, Joanne Stogoski, Lynn Muller, Mary Sinha and Bernadette Ranno. Also, Pam Shore and Maureen Gray donated a large number of new items

to be sold. An amazing number of Trinkets and Treasures were sold. In addition, Linda was in charge of the money raised by the Fair. John Sharp did his usual fantastic job creating baskets from donations of goods and completed baskets. His helpers, Karen Gough and Kathy Glazer worked all day the day of the Fair and the day before the Fair decorating the baskets so they were appealing. John also spent all of the Fair day selling raffle tickets for his baskets. John's salesmanship helped him reach a new high in raffle tickets sold. Ann Marie Stone with the help of her daughter Laura, Gail Zelle and Pat Quirk arranged and priced all of the baked goods donated by members of the parish who are without a doubt the best bakers in Metuchen. Diane Lebida planned the menu and shopped for the food

served during the Fair. She also prepared quiches before and with the help of a trusty kitchen staff served all of the food for hungry shoppers. Soups were made by Diane Lebida, Dianne Zimmerman, Tina George, Katherine Young, Robin Brown, Debbie Loeb, Barbara Crafton and were sold out early in the afternoon. Desserts were made by Mary Sinha, Linda Zeh and Dianne Zimmerman. Her kitchen helpers were Florence Tracey, Marilyn Latham, Mary Sinha and Tina George. Diane Lebida made the trip to Gaskos to purchase the gorgeous poinsettias sold at the Fair to benefit St. Luke's by Joan McNulty and Jackie Forman. Julia Jensen with a number of helpers including Gail Zelle, Denise Robbins, Danya Mowatt, Jackie Forman, Jaden Weiss, Julianna Nannarone, Julie Jirout, Michael

Mowatt. Pat Quirk and Rosalie DiSimone-Weiss held a successful children's craft program on the stage which gave the children who came to see Santa Claus something to do while their parents were shopping. Santa and Mrs. Claus, Ted Latham and Dorothy Obropta, were so

great at their jobs by the front door that just walking in gave our visitors a warm glow. The children, of course, loved their visits with Santa.

In addition, Karen Gough brought in members of Boy Scout Troop 17 to set up the tables and chairs needed for the Fair bringing them

from all parts of the church, Mark helped get the Fair paperwork organized and referred calls about the Fair. The Fair set up committee was large and included Brenda Yuro, Joan McNulty, Dot Canary, Bill Dress, Monica Tramontin, Michael and Danya Mowatt and many others.

Father Zelley worked hard on set up day and especially on Fair day. He spent all of the day of the Fair helping where needed and visiting with customers making St. Luke's a warm and friendly place.

Sarah Muccifiori



Women's Outreach

Thank you, Thank you to all of you who contributed toiletries and especially gift cards to make the women's outreach program a success.

On December 19th, we delivered ten bags filled with goodies and a gift card to Town Clock Development (housing for abused and homeless women

and children in New Brunswick), sixteen bags and gift cards to the homeless women's shelter in Edison and sixteen bags and gift cards to the women at Amandla's Crossing in Edison. Amandla's recently reopened as apartments for the homeless and the disabled for women

and men. Extra toiletries were given to the program manager at Amandla's to share with the men. We know that they gratefully appreciated our kindness.

Linda Zeh and Diane Lebida



- 5 – Dot Canary
- 5 – Marie Nagengast
- 6 – Deb Kmetz
- 6 – Kasi LeGrand
- 7 – Nancy Cornell
- 10 – Carol Pepe
- 12 – Kathy McNulty
- 14 – Lauren Kantar
- 15 – Frank Yesalavich
- 16 – Katherine Molinuex
- 17 – Barbara Rivera
- 19 – Gary Weiss
- 24 – Jennifer Novak
- 26 – Debbie Sharp Loeb
- 26 – Peter Zelle
- 27 – Tammy Fighera
- 31 – Carson Tramontin
- 31 – William Calloway



- 27 – Sam & Perla Van Chama
- 30 – Charles & Marilyn Higgins

If you don't see your birthday or anniversary listed, please let the office know and we will include it in the future.

~January 2019~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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

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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;

1. Get a detailed receipt that identifies the item you purchased for Saint Luke's.
2. Make a copy of the receipt and circle the item(s) for which you are seeking reimbursement.

3. On the receipt, print your name and the reason for the purchase.
4. Complete a Request for Reimbursement form. These forms are available in the Parish Office.
5. Staple the receipt to the request form.
6. Give 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 January, reimbursements must be in the office by 4:00 pm on Thursday, January 10 & 24, 2019.

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