ACTS of ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

OCTOBER 2019

The Pleasure of Your Company is Requested

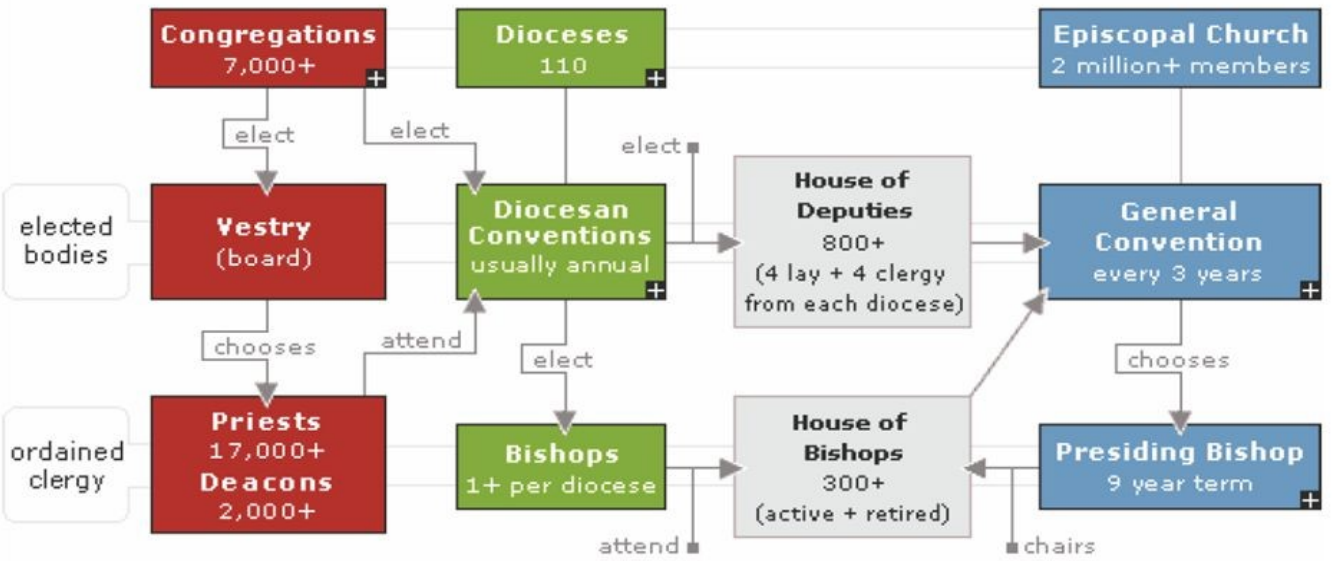
Jessica Hitchcock

It's that time of year when I ask you to please come to the Annual Church Business Meeting on **Sunday, Oct 20th**. The Episcopal Church is governed bottom up—check out the diagram of our governance system! Participating in St. Luke's Annual Business Meeting is part of that system. Participating in St. Luke's Annual Business Meeting celebrates and honors our identity as a church that values the wisdom of God's spirit made known to the community *through all of us, its members*. It's like voting in a civic election—it's an honor and a responsibility. Please make every effort to be at the meeting!

Oct 20th Schedule

8 am: Eucharist
9 am: Ministry Fair with food and fellowship
10 - 11:30 am: Annual Meeting (~40 min), followed by Communion
(If you go to 8 am or 5 pm service, you can just leave at the peace. Or stay for seconds!)

Governance in the Episcopal Church



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Michelle Canick	1
Sandra Stewart	1
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Bob Dufour	8
Joanne Kennedy	11
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Sylvia Lu	14
Sam Miller	16
Betsy Davis	24
Austin Marks	25
Judy Rice	25
Leslie Roberts	31

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October Special Dates

5 October	Prayers and Reserved Sacrament
5&6 October	Blessing of the Pets
6 October	Broadening Our Horizons
8 October	Yom Kippur
10 October	Yoga with Marta begins
14 October	Columbus Day; Office closed
19 October	Garden Guild Workday
	Prayers and Reserved Sacrament
20 October	St. Luke's Day
	Loaves and Fishes
	Annual Meeting

The *ACTS* is now distributed electronically using the email address that we have for you on file in the office. If you did not receive it, please update your email address. *admin@stlukesbethesda.org.*

The parish prayer list is printed in the Sunday *Hot News* bulletin.

If you do not see your birthday listed during the year, please contact the office.

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Jackie Shipp	1
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Kate Legates	12
George Flett	15
Jack Metzger-Sloan	19
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Colleen Hermach	21
Mike Votaw	25

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November Special Dates

1 November	All Saints Day
2 November	Prayers and Reserved Sacrament
3 November	Daylight Savings ends
16 November	Prayers and Reserved Sacrament
17 November	Loaves & Fishes
19 November	Book Lovers
24 November	Celebration of Shared Ministry
28 November	Thanksgiving Day

JUNIOR WARDEN

Buildings and Grounds

This space usually holds the message from the Senior Warden, but this month I was asked to share some thoughts as I near the end of my service as Junior Warden. I have enjoyed my two-year term although, when I agreed to serve, I did not anticipate being closely involved in both a rector and a parish administrator transition. But these were amazing experiences with very satisfying outcomes. Working with Jessica has been very rewarding, and I have so enjoyed her energy and innovative approaches to the challenges of our parish.

The Junior Warden complements the Senior Warden's role, but is primarily responsible for overseeing the physical space, structures and systems of the Parish (building and grounds) to ensure they are serving the needs of the congregation. I was very ably assisted by key volunteers in completing the following projects in the last year:

- Testing for asbestos in heating pipe insulation in certain areas of our building was completed. Work by a specialized asbestos mitigation company was completed to wrap asbestos-containing pipe insulation with protective material. Warning labels were then attached to those areas.
- Installed 48 linear feet of new open shelving in the Church Office to improve storage efficiency and space use.
- Worked with new trash hauler vendor to relocate our shared trash dumpster and recycling containers to address noise complaints from neighbors and improve control over that function.
- Temporarily assumed management of church building space use by external users and developed new procedures to administer space use including proper forms and space fees tracking and invoicing. Briefed new PA on these processes and transitioned this function to her.
- Selected new fire alarm systems inspection firm and coordinated necessary annual inspections and testing of elevator and fire detection equipment.
- Arranged for and monitored parking lot asphalt repairs and repainting of space lines and yellow fire curbs.
- Diagnosed and repaired several failed parking lot and building LED floodlights at significant savings over replacing fixtures.
- Relocated thermostat controlling half of Ludlum Hall from downstairs, resulting in much better temperature control in Ludlum.
- Monitored various building services vendors throughout the year.
- Cut and removed substantial amounts of tree limbs and other brush from various areas around the church grounds.
- Attended meetings of wardens with clergy as part of parish management and leadership roles.
- A variety of other maintenance chores of electrical, plumbing, masonry and other natures were completed, mostly by volunteer labor.

Parts of our building are now 64 years old. While the renovation gave us a beautiful face lift and some new systems, these are now over ten years old, too. As is true with human bodies, older facilities require more care and maintenance. As we experience additional demands on our resources as we age, so will our building make demands on us. I am committed to supporting the next Junior Warden with my experience and talents to meet these demands. I invite you to do the same.

Bill Casson

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During the Annual meeting, we will elect a Jr. Warden and 3 vestry members, as well as 2 delegates and 2 alternate delegates to the Diocesan Convention. We will hear the Rector's State of the Church Address, the Sr. Warden's Address, and a report on the budget.

This year, the annual meeting and ministry fair are being held on St. Luke's Day because both are opportunities to celebrate and honor the people and talents that make us who we are. The ministry fair isn't just about recruiting new members; it's about giving us an opportunity to realize the vast variety of gifts that are being put to use to the Glory of God and for the sharing of Christ's love. So, make sure to include the ministry fair as part of your morning. Grab some morning snacks and walk around. Look at the display boards and thank God for the abundance of blessings with which we have been showered. Offer words of thanks to those who serve & introduce yourself to some folks who are new to you!

This is an awesome church and St. Luke's Day, on Oct 20th, is an awesome day to celebrate what God is doing in and through this fantastic community.

Jessica

Request for Additional Ushers

The Usher Group is in need of volunteers! If you can commit to help with a very important aspect of our worship, Nancy Reding would like you to contact her. Usually, Ushers volunteer for a month at a time twice a year. They're a likeable group and will welcome your joining them.

Nancy Reding

USHERS

Choir Resumes in Style

On the first Saturday morning in September, the choir gathered to preview some of the *awesome* music that Sarah Horick has organized for St. Luke's between now and Pentecost 2020. It's always a wonderful time when the choir gathers to sing, to visit, to welcome new members… and of course, to feast! We are excited to be part of worship through musical expression, and please be assured that **there's *always* room to add a chair.**

Deb Marks

FELLOWSHIP

Booklovers!

In October we will have a BONUS meeting to discuss the book selections for 2020. It will be on **Tuesday, October 22nd at 7:30 pm** at the Flower Child Restaurant in the Wildwood shopping center. Please come with books you'd like to put forward. You are welcome to order drinks, snacks or dinner. However, if you aren't be able to join us, you can email your book suggestions to Nancy Reding.

The November book is a super interesting memoir by Tara Westover, *Educated*. The evening meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 19th** at the home of Dee Barish.

In January we will have Dr. Linda Freeman join us again for our classics reading. This year we will be discussing *Bartleby the Scrivener,* a short story by Herman Melville. We look forward to Linda's insights!

All are always welcome! Happy Reading.

Nancy Reding

The Prayer Shawl Ministry

For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
-Psalm 139: 13-14

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is a group of parishioners who create prayer shawls for the comfort of others, and baby blankets to welcome infants. They periodically meet to exchange ideas and assist each other with their projects. If you are interested, whether experienced or a beginner, please contact Susie Casson.

Susie Casson

Women of St. Luke's

The Women of St. Luke's will meet as usual on **October 15th at 11:30 am** in the Reaves Room. Please bring a brown bag lunch and your summer escapades so we can all enjoy them with each other. Stay well and happy.

Leslie Roberts

Blessing of the Pets,

Oct 5 at 5 pm

Oct 6 at 10 am

Pat and Vince Corvelli Memorial Bench

Given in loving memory by their family

Broadening Our Horizons: Republic of Georgia

Join Soumaia Amin and Patrick Crump on **Sunday, October 6** in the Reaves Room as they share some slides and stories of their time in the beautiful Republic of Georgia during the tumultuous days of the Rose Revolution that toppled the former president of Georgia, Eduard Shevardnadze.

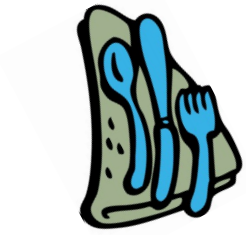
Don't miss this exciting presentation about Georgia's mountains and yodelers, its supras and wines, and its wonderful people! Light snacks will be served at 11:15 am followed by the presentation which lasts about an hour. All are welcome.

For more information, contact Susie Casson.

Susie Casson

Supper Group

November 2019. Global forecast? *Impending Disaster!* Or at the very least, inconvenience. Feeling down, uneasy, helpless? You're not alone! Gather with others to promote hope and mutual understanding by engaging in (Christian/Human) FELLOWSHIP – that which lets us know that we are NOT alone . . . and *probably* not crazy. Join us for a **SUPPER GROUP** potluck dinner at



6:30 on Saturday, November 9

Home of Bill and Susie Casson

Details to follow . . .)

S A V E THE D A T E!

Treva Miller

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Unity Walk

These are the St. Luke's representatives who joined the Interfaith Council of Metropolitan Washington's 14th Annual Unity Walk, which was held on September 8. The Walk is a public demonstration of solidarity for all faith groups in the DC Metro area that draws about 900 people of all ages and backgrounds. Participants visit different houses of worship, engage in dialogue, sample traditional foods, participate in service projects - and enjoy nice weather while doing so!

Marta Montoro

Community Engagement – Upcoming Events

Please join us for the following events in October!

- **Tuesday, October 1: 5:30 pm** – *Evensong Service at Washington National Cathedral.* The offering will benefit the Bishop Walker School (BWS) for Boys. BWS serves boys in grades K-5 from underserved communities, striving to alter their educational and social trajectories while fostering intellectual curiosity and providing structured support. The BWS chorus will perform - bring a friend!
- **Thursday, October 10: 7:30 -10 am** – *Cornerstone Montgomery Champions and Legacies Breakfast.* See the article by Laura Edwards, below.
- **Monday, October 21: 10:30 am** – *Tour of the new BWS campus just for St. Luke's!* This is a very special opportunity to see BWS "in action" following the inspiring September 8th presentation and sermon by James Woody, the Executive Director and President. The school is located at the Town Hall Education Arts Recreation Campus, at 1801 Mississippi Ave. SE, Washington DC. Sign-ups/carpools from St. Luke's will be posted soon. For more information, please contact Marta Montoro. Jessica will be joining us!

Community Engagement

While all these events take place during the week, there is value in making time to support these worthy causes. By supporting organizations such as Cornerstone Montgomery and the Bishop Walker School for Boys—organizations that respect the dignity of every human being—we are living out our baptismal promises together.

Marta Montoro

Champions and Legacies Celebration Breakfast

2019 Legacy Awardee, Doug Duncan
Former County Executive of Montgomery County
October 10, 2019 - 7:30 am to 10 am
Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center
5701 Marinelli Rd, North Bethesda, MD 20850

Please let Laura Edwards know if you plan to attend or if you have any questions. You can register on-line at:

https://www.cornerstonemontgomery.org/2019-gala

Cornerstone Montgomery empowers people living with mental health and co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders to live, work and integrate successfully within the community. Many of you may not know that St. Luke's House, Inc., (SLH) was founded in 1971 by concerned citizens from St. Luke's to address the needs of patients being released from state psychiatric hospitals who had no place to go. In 2013 SLH and Threshold Services merged to become Cornerstone Montgomery which now has the capacity to serve more than 2,200 adults and transition-aged youth.

Laura Edwards

FINANCE REPORT AUGUST 2019

	2018 Actual	2019 Budget	'19 Actual Thru Aug	% of '19 Budget *
RECEIPTS				
Offering Plate	$ 25,506	$ 20,000	$ 12,437	62.2%
Pledge Payments	457,441	443,000	379,599	85.7%
Donations for Facilities	45,358	43,000	33,123	77.0%
Altar Flower Donations	5,089	5,000	2,841	56.8%
Miscellaneous	84		50	
Operating Receipts	533,478	511,000	428,050	83.8%
EXPENSES				
Salaries & Benefits	$ 287,242	$ 299,275	$ 183,241	61.2%
Program Support	26,432	24,050	7,676	31.9%
Parish Operations	111,301	129,600	72,532	56.0%
Outreach	20,000	22,000	14,336	65.2%
Diocesan Giving	44,000	50,139	33,394	66.6%
Operating Expenses	488,975	525,064	311,179	59.3%
Surplus/(Deficit)	44,503	(14,064)	116,871	
Additional Funding – 2018 surplus	0	14,064	0	
Net after Reserve funds	$ 44,503	$ 0	$ 116,871	

ENDOWMENT FUND BALANCE $72.580 * YTD AUG = 66.7 % of the year

Budget Analysis: We are doing well in 2019 with pledges received at 85.7% of the budgeted amount. Expenses through August are still under the expected amount for the first eight months. The Vestry decided that the 2018 surplus would be used to cover the budgeted shortfall for 2019, plus $15,000 would be directed to the Edmonds Fund for Replacement. The Vestry also decided to increase the contribution to the Diocese to match the amount requested by the Diocese to meet its expenses and program goals.

All financial obligations for the year to date have been met and bills paid.

If you need to be reimbursed for a purchase or need the Treasurer to pay an invoice, please obtain a Payment Request Form from the Office. An authorized person must sign the request. All requests for extra money or donations by committees, individuals or church members, should have prior approval of the Vestry before solicitation.

Jenny Bradley, Treasurer

CALENDAR

October 2019

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29 **8:00 AM Holy Eucharist** **10:00 AM** Children's Church **10:00 AM Holy Eucharist** **5:00 PM** *Cristo la Roca* **8:00 PM** *Youth AA*	**30** **1:15 PM** Staff Meeting **2:30 PM** *OASIS*	**1** **11:00 AM** *OASIS* **3:30 PM** *Cornerstone*	**2** **12:00 PM** **Holy Eucharist** **7:30 PM** Choir Rehearsal	**3** **9:00 AM** *OASIS* **10:30 AM** *OASIS* **1:00 PM** *Cornerstone* **5:30 PM** *Girl Scouts*	**4** Men's Shelter Dinner **10:00 AM** *OASIS* **11:45 AM** *OASIS*	**5** **5:00 PM** Prayers and Reserve Sacrament; Pet Blessing **7:00 PM** *Cristo la Roca*
6 **8:00 AM Holy Eucharist** **10:00 AM** Children's Church **10:00 AM** **Holy Eucharist**; Pet Blessing **11:15 AM** Broadening Our Horizons **5:00 PM** *Cristo la Roca* **8:00 PM** *Youth AA*	**7** **2:30 PM** *OASIS*	**8** **11:00 AM** *OASIS* **1:15 PM** Staff Meeting **3:30 PM** *Cornerstone* **7:00 PM** Worship Council	**9** **10:30 AM** Retired Men's Group **12:00 PM** **Holy Eucharist** **7:30 PM** Choir Rehearsal	**10** **10:30 AM** *OASIS* **1:00 PM** *Cornerstone* **7:30 PM** Yoga with Marta	**11** **10:00 AM** *OASIS* **11:45 AM** *OASIS*	**12** **7:00 PM** *Cristo la Roca*
13 **8:00 AM Holy Eucharist** **10:00 AM** Children's Church **10:00 AM Holy Eucharist** **1:00 PM** *Rock Creek Chamber Players* **5:00 PM** *Cristo la Roca* **8:00 PM** *Youth AA*	**14** **Columbus Day** Office closed **10:00 AM** *Center for Family Process* **10:30 AM** *OASIS* **7:00 PM** Finance Meeting	**15** **9:00 AM** *Family Process* **11:00 AM** *OASIS* **11:30 AM** Women of St. Luke's **1:00 PM** *Cornerstone* **1:15 PM** Staff Meeting **3:30 PM** *Cornerstone*	**16** **9:00 AM** *Center for Family Process* **12:00 PM** **Holy Eucharist** **7:30 PM** Choir Rehearsal	**17** **9:00 AM** *OASIS* **10:30 AM** *OASIS* **1:00 PM** *Cornerstone* **5:30 PM** *Girl Scouts* **7:30 PM** Yoga with Marta	**18** **10:00 AM** *OASIS* **11:45 AM** *OASIS*	**19** **8:00 AM** *Insight Meditation* **9:00 AM** Garden Guild **5:00 PM** Prayers and Reserve Sacrament **7:00 PM** *Cristo la Roca*
20 Loaves & Fishes **8:00 AM** **Holy Eucharist** **9:00 AM** Ministry Fair **10:00 AM** Children's Church **10:00 AM Annual Meeting and Holy Eucharist** **1:00 PM** *Your Dog's Friend* **5:00 PM** *Cristo la Roca* **8:00 PM** *Youth AA*	**21** **10:30 AM** *OASIS* **2:30 PM** *OASIS* **7:00 PM** Vestry Meeting	**22** **11:00 AM** *OASIS* **1:15 PM** Staff Meeting **3:30 PM** *Cornerstone* **7:30 PM** Book Lovers	**23** **9:00 AM** *Center for Family Process* **12:00 PM** **Holy Eucharist** **7:30 PM** Choir Rehearsal	**24** **9:00 AM** *Family Process* **9:00 AM** *OASIS* **10:30 AM** *OASIS* **1:00 PM** *Cornerstone* **7:30 PM** Yoga with Marta	**25** **9:00 AM** *Center for Family Process* **10:00 AM** *OASIS* **11:45 AM** *OASIS*	**26** **12:30 PM** *Your Dog's Friend* **7:00 PM** *Cristo la Roca*
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3 **All Saints Day** **Daylight-Saving Ends** **8:00 AM** **Holy Eucharist** **10:00 AM** Children's Church **10:00 AM** **Holy Eucharist** **5:00 PM** *Cristo la Roca* **8:00 PM** *Youth AA*	**4** **10:30 AM** *OASIS* **2:30 PM** *OASIS*	**5** **11:00 AM** *OASIS* **1:15 PM** Staff Meeting **3:30 PM** *Cornerstone*	**6** **12:00 PM** **Holy Eucharist** **7:30 PM** Choir Rehearsal	**7** **9:00 AM** *OASIS* **10:30 AM** *OASIS* **1:00 PM** *Cornerstone* **5:30 PM** *Girl Scout Troop* **7:30 PM** Yoga with Marta	**8** **10:00 AM** *OASIS*	**9** **12:30 PM** *Your Dog's Friend* **6:30 PM** Supper Group **7:00 PM** *Cristo la Roca*
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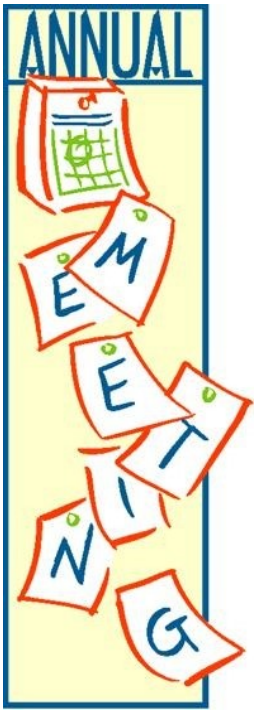

St. Luke's Sunday
October 20
Ministry Fair
and
Annual Meeting