

ACTS of ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2018



Jessica Hitchcock

Of the People, By the People

On Nov 18th at 11 am we are going to have our annual church business meeting, and I need you to come to it. I need you to come because the more people we have involved in our annual meeting, discussing and determining the nuts and bolts about how we function as an organized faith community, and hearing about where we are and where we want to go, the firmer our foundation is.

I know a meeting that involves vestry (that's our board) elections and a presentation on the budget isn't exactly your ideal way to spend a precious hour of your Sunday morning. I can promise you that we will do everything we can do to be efficient and engaging. AND we'll have one of our epic potlucks afterwards, this one with a brunchy-themed menu.

Jenny Bradley will present on our budget, and you'll have a chance to ask questions about how we use the financial resources you so generously give. Even if you don't ask questions, I'd imagine you'll be thankful because you will see St. Luke's desire for transparency around our finances.

Outgoing Sr. Warden Pat Rogers will offer an update on how the Priest-in-Charge process is developing.

I will offer some reflections about 2018 and share some hopes and dreams for 2019.

We will elect three new vestry members and a new Senior Warden, who we will entrust to act as the leaders of our church in financial, legal, and spiritual matters. WOW. PRAY for those who have agreed to serve, both current and new members of the vestry.

The Episcopal Church is a bottom-up organization. Our governance system was formed at the same time as the US government—government of the people, by the people, for the people! It is an honor and privilege, as well as a responsibility, to participate in the governing work of the church, so that the St. Luke's branch of the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus movement is enlivened and blessed with the Holy Spirit that is present in each of you!

For a Church Convention or Meeting, Book of Common Prayer page 818.

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to see first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Jessica

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Community Engagement Cluster: Human Rights, Dignity & Safety



November Special Dates

Jim Mills 7th
 Dalton Andrews 8th
 Kate Legates 12th
 George Flett 15th
 Drew Metzger-Sloan 19th
 Jack Metzger Sloan 19th
 Brenda Curtis-Heiken 21st
 Gertrude Morgan 24th
 Mike Votaw 25th
 Rochelle Curtis 26th

1 November All Saints Day
 4 November All Souls Celebration
 Daylight Saving Time ends
 Broadening Our Horizons: Iceland
 6 November Election Day; MCPS closed
 11 November Veterans' Day
 14 November Prayer Shawl Meeting
 18 November Loaves & Fishes
 Annual Church Business Meeting
 Harvest Lunch
 22 November Thanksgiving Day
 Office closed
 27 November Book Lovers

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 with Cynthia. admin@stlukesbethesda.org.

The parish prayer list is printed in the Sunday Announcements bulletin.

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

Community Engagement Cluster: Human Rights, Dignity & Safety

Larry Legates 2nd
 Movita Hercules 3rd
 Anna Votaw 7th
 Maggie Pearson 9th
 Bill Casson 10th
 Vonda O'Sullivan 15th
 John Elsbree 18th
 Oliver Stewart 24th
 Leslyn Thorne 26th
 Jim Marks 26th
 Diane Fox 26th
 Daphne Legates 27th
 Dan Eberly 27th
 Lisa Secrest 29th
 Erica James 30th

December 2018						
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December Special Dates

2 December Bishop's Visitation
 Hanukkah begins
 8 December All Parish Christmas Party
 15 December Blue Christmas
 16 December Loaves and Fishes
 21 December First Day of Winter
 24 December 5 pm Holy Eucharist with
 Children's Story Telling
 9 pm Holy Eucharist with Music
 4 December –
 1 January MCPS Winter Break
 30 December Be the Church 5th Sunday

SENIOR WARDEN



Pat Rogers

Everyday Sacredness

I've been thinking lately about how God makes the ordinary sacred.

Jesus was sitting and teaching his disciples, and he wanted to make a point about not being too concerned over material things. Looking around he noticed some flowers. "Consider the lilies of the field," he said. (If he had lived in Bethesda, he might have said, "Consider the dandelions.") "They don't toil, and yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are." Humans root out and destroy these plants, but Jesus saw that they surpassed the appearance of a king of fabulous wealth.

At the Last Supper, Jesus didn't require his followers to remember him through feasts of complex dishes full of marvelous ingredients. Instead, he took the humblest elements, bread and wine—the items that were on every table, accessible to every person—and said, "Take and eat this in remembrance of me." Today the Eucharist—the most sacred rite of the Church—still depends on these same humble elements. Mere bread and ordinary wine; and yet what grace they bring us as we share them in community.

This leads me to two reflections. First, maybe in God's eyes there is no "ordinary." Perhaps everything in God's creation has a sacredness that we should be more careful to see and glory in. The little wren or chipmunk in the back yard; the mushrooms sprouting up all over the lawn in this wet season; maybe even manufactured items like the everyday plate and glass that hold our lunch; and certainly the food that nourishes us. I'm not sure we could stand a constant awareness of so much sacredness around us, but even a glimmer would bring us closer to God.

My second reflection is related to the first. I feel that I'm a rather ordinary person, of rather ordinary intelligence, talents, and accomplishments. But what if, in the eyes of the God who makes a crust of bread a feast for the ages, there is no "ordinary"? What if God sees each *person* as a unique and precious jewel? If that's God's opinion, can I view other people as any less? Can I even think of myself as any less? I think maybe God calls us to recognize and respond to the sacredness in ourselves and in others. It's a calling for a lifetime.

St. Luke's helps us live into this calling. In this community we learn about God, work together to discern how God wants us to live, and support and accompany each other in this process. But to keep any community running smoothly, there's also business to conduct—which we generally do through our Annual Meeting. This year's Annual Church Business Meeting will follow the 10 am service on Sunday, November 18 (there will be arrangements for children). We will thank departing Vestry members, elect new ones, discuss the state of the parish, and consider some plans for the future. Then we'll adjourn to Ludlum Hall to enjoy our annual Harvest Lunch together.

Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting. We want to hear your voice in our deliberations, and our community won't be complete without each of you.

Pat

PARISH

All Souls Celebration: Saturday, November 3rd, 5-7 pm



We will celebrate the Saints of God that we were blessed to know personally and we will remember and honor those who are buried in our memorial garden.

Each person in the memorial garden—and each person who the participants in the service want to remember—will get a small area designated to them which everyone will help decorate.

We will say prayers of thanksgivings, share Eucharist, and enjoy tacos together!

This will be a service of joyful remembering and honoring.

Example: *I'll bring a picture of my friend Adam whom I want to remember. If I didn't have a picture, I could draw one or I could just write his name and decorate it. And then I will place it with the others and everyone will work together to make sure that EVERYONE who is being remembered gets lots of fun decorations and flowers and candles and maybe even some Halloween candy placed around their picture or name.*

Jessica

St. Luke's Annual Church Business Meeting **11 am Sunday, November 18**

Harvest Lunch 2018 – Our Thanksgiving Together

Thanksgiving marks a time of year when we gather with family and friends and recognize our many blessings, even during extremely challenging times. **On Sunday, November 18 at 12 noon, St. Lukers will gather in Ludlum Hall** to share a meal together in appreciation for our community. The “Harvest Lunch” **follows the 11 am Annual Meeting.**

Some main-dish platters and beverages will be provided. There will be sign-up sheets for side dishes, salads, desserts, etc. posted in Ludlum Hall, or you can use this link to sign up:

<https://bit.ly/2RGEvUQ>

Perhaps you have a family recipe you'd like to share? But please come even if you don't sign up or can't bring anything! If you prefer not to cook (or shop), please consider helping with clean-up/breakdown afterwards. There is no charge for this event and we hope you'll join us for this Thanksgiving celebration of the life of our church community. We also appreciate the Annual Giving Team's hard work and have gratitude for the generosity of pledges that help make St. Luke's the vibrant community of faith that it is.

Questions about the Lunch? Please contact Marta Montoro.

We hope to see you there!



Marta Montoro



St. Luke's Christmas Party is Coming!

Saturday, December 8th, from 5-9 pm

We hope you will be there to celebrate!

At 5 pm, the party starts with children's activities, downstairs. Parents please stay to help supervise your little ones. There will be some snacks and mingling at 5 pm as well.

At 6 pm, we move the party upstairs to Ludlum for a delicious holiday meal. A donation at the time of the party is encouraged (\$5 for individual or \$10 per family).

We provide ham and turkey, beer, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages. Please sign-up to contribute to the potluck portion of the dinner (salad, vegetable, side dish, dessert). Helping hands are also needed to assist with bartending, clean-up afterwards, set-up and decorating on Friday afternoon, or a variety of other small tasks.

There will be a sign-up list in Ludlum Hall after Thanksgiving.

Help us to make this the best St. Luke's Christmas Party ever!

Questions? Email or call Catherine Nellist with questions/messages; be sure to leave your name and number.

We look forward to seeing you at the party!

Deb Marks

Samaritan Ministry Christmas Party

St. Luke's will again be gathering Christmas presents for participants, and their families, who attend the Samaritan Ministry Christmas parties. There will be three separate parties, one in southeast, one in northeast, and one in Northern Virginia, serving at least 300 participants and family members. The deadline for bringing presents to St. Luke's is **Sunday, December 2 before 12 noon**. Please look for the Christmas tree in the foyer of the church around November 17th. Please take a tag from the tree and bring back an unwrapped gift matching the gender and age listed on the tag. Gift cards will be given to 13 – 17-year olds in place of gifts. For children younger than 13 years old, ideas for gifts are as follows:



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| Dolls of Color | Sports Balls (Soccer, Basketball & Football) |
| Scooters and Helmets | Action Figures & Race-Car Sets |
| Games & Electronics | Books and Other Educational Material |
| Flash drives | Hats, Gloves & Scarves for all ages |
| \$25 gift cards to places such as Target, Walmart, Old Navy & Starbucks | |

So far this year, Samaritan Ministry has served 1,252 individuals, including 830 *Next Step Program* participants across five locations. **More than 350 participants are new this year.** Participants have achieved over 200 employment-related goals, including 42 participants who completed STRIVE job-readiness training. Samaritan Ministry has also served 422 persons through activities like providing one-time food assistance, providing referrals, supporting those who live with HIV, or assisting those who bury a loved one who was HIV+. We hope to make the Christmas season a little brighter for these participants and their families. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

If you have questions, please contact Kate McQueen or Dee Barish.

Kate McQueen

Family Church

Recently at a meeting to discuss the book *Faith at Home*, Jessica asked the parents in attendance to introduce themselves. In addition to sharing our names, she challenged us to share parenting wins and parenting fails. If you're like me, the latter comes to mind most readily. For me it's not so much a specific moment of failure as it is an ongoing struggle to live with intention amidst a very crowded and busy family life. This feels especially true as it pertains to my role in my children's spiritual formation. But I did name two practices our family has adopted that when viewed from a distance I think I can claim as a win. The first started as an effort to assuage my guilt (I was raised Catholic) at not getting to church as regularly as I would like, but has actually turned into something special. On these no-church Sundays, we began having "family church" after dinner. I borrowed (stole) the whole thing from Children's Church at St. Luke's (minus the Whirl videos of the colorful children with no arms). The process looks something like this:

- If you have one, light a candle.
- Designate who will do what part—opening mantra, Bible reading, writing prayers, saying prayers. We like to mix it up and make sure everyone has a part.
- Begin with the call and response mantra. *Be still and know that I am God* (repeat). *Be still and know that I am* (repeat). *Be still and know* (repeat). *Be still* (repeat). *Be* (repeat).
- Read a story from a children's Bible. We use the Spark Bible, which also includes some questions that can be asked to further ponder the meaning of the story and how it is relevant today. We let the kids pick the stories. In our house that has resulted in a lot of stories about Moses. (Incidentally, our prayer at mealtimes is often in Hebrew thanks to our years at a Jewish preschool.)
- Take turns sharing prayers of thanks and prayers of help for people or things that are sick, sad, or hurting. We write these on a small pad of paper and then keep our prayers tucked in our Bible.

Once everyone has suggested at least one prayer, then have someone say them aloud in prayer form. This concludes family church! (Don't forget to blow out the candle.)

Since beginning this tradition of family church, we have also begun using Sunday dinners to consider prayer themes for the week. Everyone writes down something to pray about. We fold these papers and put them in an ordinary Tupperware container (no need to impress God with a fancy bowl). One of the kids then chooses a prayer from the container at random and as a family we agree we will try to include the topic in our prayers throughout the week. Prayers for animals and people in warring countries seem to make the list a lot. It's all an experiment and I'm sure we are not alone. I would love to hear what others are doing to bring some semblance of Holy to the home. Please share!



Emily Ray
Parishioner

PARISH

Christmas Greens and Flowers

If you wish to make a memorial or thanksgiving gift toward Christmas greens and flowers, envelopes may be found in the pews. Or, simply enclose an extra amount in your regular gift envelope. State the name(s) of those you wish to remember and indicate whether your gift is in thanksgiving or in memorium. Don't forget to include your pledge (contribution) number!

Altar flowers are supported entirely through your contributions.
Thank you.

Holly Stone



Women of St. Luke's

The Women of St. Luke's will meet as usual on **Tuesday, November 20 at 11:30 am** in the Reaves room. Please bring a brown bag lunch.

Leslie Roberts

Book Lovers

It was bound to happen, BOOK LOVERS. "Someone" did not adequately vet a featured title (*The Evangelicals: The Struggle to Shape America* by Frances Fitzgerald). General mutiny erupted—and it was justified. This is a worthwhile book from a very distinguished and honored author, but it does not work for the purposes of Book Lovers.

So, what to do at our meeting at **7:30 on Tuesday, November 17** (regular date changed due to Thanksgiving) at the home of Gayle Countryman-Mills in Rockville? Suggested agenda:

- Definition of the term "evangelical"
- Discussion of "evangelical" vs. "fundamentalist"
- Discussion of the role religion may have played in the November 6, 2018 mid-term elections, including that of evangelicals
- Presentation of proposed new structure of Book Lovers
- Discussion of same
- Brainstorming of possible titles for March 2019—January 2020

You won't want to miss this historic meeting **which will change the course of BOOK LOVERS for all time**. Not to mention, allow you the chance to contribute titles to the storm of future-reads we hope to create. **Please contact our host**, Gayle, to say that you're coming. No obligation to have read anything; but, mention of what you have read/are reading is welcome. Questions? Ride? Contact Treva Miller.

Treva Miller



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community Engagement

THANK YOU to all those who supported Jessica's vision for Community Engagement on our first "Be the Church" Sunday, September 30! More than 20 parishioners of all ages headed to the Episcopal Center for Children to do groundskeeping and yard work on a beautiful Sunday morning, while others headed to the National Institutes of Health (NIH)-Children's Inn to serve a tasty homemade brunch. Those at church were busy making 4 days' worth of "Thoughtful Treasures" for children undergoing treatment at NIH, 80 comfort bags for Bethesda Cares clients, and numerous snack bags for Bethesda Help. More faithful servants rounded off the day by providing dinner to 100+ people at Shepherd's Table in Silver Spring. And still others contributed supplies for the comfort bags or struck out on their own. Please stay tuned for information about activities for the 5th Sunday in December (also the 30th).

Don't just go to church, BE the church! And enjoy the photos!

Marta Montoro



Episcopal Center for Children



Shepherd's Table

Samaritan Ministry Fall Gala

The Samaritan Ministry Fall Gala will be held on **November 3, 2018 at 6:30 pm** at St. Andrew's Episcopal School, 8804 Postoak Road, Potomac, MD 20854. The theme this year is "We're all in this Together." This event is a mission-critical fundraiser to support Samaritan Ministry's work to bring together our neighbors who face poverty, homelessness or other debilitating challenges with partner leaders, donors, volunteers and staff. This is a shared ministry that improves the lives of all throughout the Washington area, one next step and neighbor at a time.

This fun evening includes silent and live auctions of unique items, music by an SAES ensemble, delicious hor d'oeuvres and buffet by Mindy's Catering, Rock Bottom Brewery beer as well as participant, volunteer and Partner award presentations. The Rev. Glenna J. Huber, Rector at Episcopal Church of the Epiphany in DC, will be our Emcee. **Contact Kate McQueen for tickets which are \$100 each; sponsorships are still available.** We have something for everyone—a weekend getaway to Hobknob Cabin in New Creek Lake, West Virginia, a Two-Day Bicycle Tour from DC-to-Harpers Ferry-to-DC, personalized genealogy research, a one-of-a-kind hand-developed photo from Connemara, County Galway, Ireland, so much more, and so much more coming in! We hope you will join us!

Kate McQueen

FINANCE

FINANCE REPORT SEPTEMBER 2018

	2017 Actual	2018 Budget	'18 Actual Thru Sept	% of '18 Budget *
RECEIPTS				
Offering Plate	\$ 26,801	\$ 20,000	\$ 14,852	74.3%
Pledge Payments	439,561	440,000	364,183	82.8%
Donations for Facilities	42,310,	40,000	30,911	77.3%
Altar Flower Donations	5,947	5,000	3,100	62.0%
Miscellaneous	58		22	
Operating Receipts	514,677	505,000	413,068	81.8%
EXPENSES				
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 360,248	\$ 301,870	\$ 214,064	70.9%
Program Support	17,545	29,200	16,366	56.0%
Parish Operations	105,367	122,600	79,748	65.0%
Outreach	19,026	20,000	10,186	50.9%
Diocesan Giving	42,000	44,000	33,015	75.0%
Operating Expenses	544,186	517,670	353,379	68.3%
Surplus/(Deficit)	(28,509)	(12,670)	59,689	
Additional Funding – Reserves	28,509	12,670	0	
Net after Reserve funds	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 59,689	

ENDOWMENT FUND BALANCE \$67,654

YTD Sept. = 75.0% of the year

Budget Analysis: We continue to have a surplus of income over expenses for the year, currently equal to \$59,689. This is due to income being high because of advance payments, while expenses are below a straight-line estimate. All financial obligations for the year to date have been met and bills paid. The Bridge Fund balance is approximately \$70,000. We also received \$10,000 designated for the Endowment Fund. Your continued financial support will allow the growth and energy of St. Luke's to continue and strengthen.

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

November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 9:15 AM Sunday School for 6th - 12th grade 10:00 AM Children's Church 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 11:30 AM Community Engagement 5:00 PM <i>Cristo la Roca</i> 8:00 PM Youth AA	29 9:00 AM <i>Center for Family Process</i> 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 2:30 PM OASIS	30 9:00 AM <i>Center for Family Process</i> 11:00 AM OASIS 3:30 PM Cornerstone 6:30 PM Jubilee	31 9:00 AM <i>Center for Family Process</i> 12:00 PM Holy Eucharist 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	1 All Saints Day 9:00 AM OASIS 1:00 PM Cornerstone 6:00 PM Yoga with Marta 6:00 PM Jubilee	2 Men's Shelter Dinner 10:00 AM OASIS 11:45 AM OASIS	3 5:00 PM All Souls Celebration 7:00 PM <i>Cristo la Roca</i>
4 Daylight-Saving Time Ends 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 9:15 AM Sunday School for 6th - 12th grade 10:00 AM Children's Church 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 11:30 AM Casson Slide Show of Iceland 5:00 PM <i>Cristo la Roca</i> 8:00 PM Youth AA	5 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 2:30 PM OASIS	6 11:00 AM OASIS 3:30 PM Cornerstone 6:30 PM Jubilee <i>Cooking for Autism</i>	7 9:00 AM <i>Center for Family Process</i> 12:00 PM Holy Eucharist 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	8 9:00 AM CFFP 9:00 AM OASIS 10:30 AM OASIS 11:45 AM OASIS 1:00 PM Cornerstone	9 9:00 AM <i>Center for Family Process</i> 10:00 AM OASIS 11:45 AM OASIS	10 12:00 PM Your Dog's Friend - First Aid 7:00 PM <i>Cristo la Roca</i>
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