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*“When they now shoot forth,
ye see and know of your own
selves that summer is now
nigh at hand.”
(Luke 21:30)*



Message from the Wardens

As we move into summer life is supposed to get easier; we don't have to deal with snow, ice and cold. That said, summer seems to be a very busy season. There are family vacations, weekend cookouts, trips to the various lakes, and a myriad of other outdoor activities.

Summer at St. Luke's does not shut down. If anything, we continue to have wonderful opportunities for worship, Bible study, fellowship, fundraising for outreach projects, and advancing our learning communities. Please continue to support our St. Luke's activities throughout the summer months.

Blessings! Bambi Carkey, Bob Shafer

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A Reflection on El Salvador by Bambi Carkey

For about eight years I participated in our diocesan Medical Mission Program "Mission of Miracles," serving the people of our companion Diocese of El Salvador. As the Director of the Mental Health Program, my role was to offer mental health counselling to the many people who walked an average of 3-4 hours to wait in our clinics (sometimes for another 3-4 hours), to talk about their worries, fears, and desperation. I had never before listened to people who had such pervasive challenges, just in their day to day lives. It is hard to live in El Salvador! For the majority of people, there is little work and they live "hand to mouth." However, their resilience is amazing and they dream of a better life for their children and themselves.

The reason I am writing this reflection today is in response to the heartbreaking separation of children and parents (many of whom are Salvadoran) as they seek asylum or refuge in the USA. I have talked with mothers, fathers, grandmothers, and even the children who would risk anything to flee the gang violence, poverty and oppression they live with daily. I have heard their stories: the 8 yr. old boy who has severe nightmares about seeing his mother killed (his

grandmother resorted to giving him alcohol so he could sleep at night), the 13 yr. old boy who is fearful for his life because he refuses to join the gangs, the 18 yr. old girl who was gang-raped walking to school, and the mother whose two elementary-aged children were killed by a gang recruit as they were walking home from school in their village, the grandmother who cannot afford food for her grandson and herself, and the husband and father who entered the US and was deported back to El Salvador because while driving a taxi in El Paso, he was stopped for a traffic violation and could not produce a valid driver's license.

These are the people who are fleeing the most violent country in Central America. They are fleeing because they want a better life, they want to work, and they seek asylum or refuge. The option of going through the process of immigration is not feasible for them, as they do not have the funds. They and their children should never be separated. These children have been traumatized enough.

Please, putting political persuasions aside, let us pray for these families!

A Word from...

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ.

Philemon 1:4-6



In this very short letter to Philemon, St Paul confronts the tension we sometimes feel as we seek to follow Jesus in an imperfect world. In the traditional eucharistic prayer (Rite I) there is a line that says “Here we offer unto thee our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice unto thee.”

This prayer reminds us that faith is not only something we hold inside ourselves - our souls, our beliefs and feelings about Jesus, but also how we act in the world - our bodies. And as St Paul reminded Philemon when we bring our ourselves to our faith - to Jesus’ mission, we can achieve a great deal.

United Thank Offering

Everyone at St Luke’s is invited to participate in the United Thank Offering this summer!

The purpose of the United Thank Offering, a ministry of the Episcopal Church since the 1880’s, is to draw our attention to all the things for which we can be grateful; from waking up each day, for friends and family and even to the opportunities to be help others. All of us can find things to thank God for, and the UTO offers us a way to mark and acknowledge that.

The UTO boxes will be available for who wishes to take one. So pick up yours, and every day this summer, drop a coin in the box for every time you are thankful and soon you will have a tangible (and noisy) reminder of God’s blessings in your life. In September we will invite everyone to bring their boxes to church with them and we will gather them up and share in one another’s thanksgivings during Eucharist.





"DJ" Mitchell Becomes Eagle Scout

"DJ" received his Eagle badge on April 10th. To earn this badge he was required to demonstrate skill and knowledge in 13 subjects by earning merit badges, demonstrating leadership in his troop, completing a project to demonstrate leadership and management skills, performing community service and regularly going camping with the troop.

The merit badges he earned were camping, cooking, personal fitness, financial management, first aid, emergency



preparedness, communication, citizenship in the community, nation and world, hiking, environmental science and family life

He demonstrated leadership while acting as assistant senior patrol leader and quartermaster.

For his project, "DJ" planned, coordinated, managed and documented the fabrication and hanging of signs at the canal. Liz and David Beebe played a major role in assisting and overseeing this project.

The majority of "DJ"s community service including serving meals at the Samaritan Center and assisting at multiple events at the Elks Lodge in Camillus.

Major camp-outs he participated in were at Letchworth State Park, Gettysburg, white water rafting in Pennsylvania, Washington DC, Sabbatis Scout Camp, Boston, Philadelphia and New York City.

A senior at West Genesee, "DJ" graduates this year as a member of the National Honor Society and on the high honor roll. In the fall he will be attending Ithaca College and, later, medical school.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Kyle and Tom Bova on the birth of four new grandchildren in one week. Their son Jamie and his wife Nicole who have two sons Alex age 4+ and Matthew age 2+ now have three new siblings, triplets born on May 30. Beckett Richard 4lbs 7 oz, Annie Elizabeth 5lbs 14 oz and Jacqueline Michele 4 lbs 14 oz. All three are progressing nicely. So five children under 5 years!

Their other son, Jon and his wife Kyzia have a daughter Sloane age 2+ who now has a baby brother, Patrick Jonathan, 10 lbs 8 oz born on May 23. So in one week they went from three grandchildren to seven grandchildren. WOW!





Outreach News

The date for our annual Bake and Treasure sale is Saturday, July 14, 2018. Sign -up sheets are posted for volunteers to bake and work the sale. Please consider giving 2 or 3 hours of your time to help make this event a success. We need 3 or 4 people to work the tables and 2 people to work the bake sale per shift. That is a total of 12 people to cover the hours of the show. We have already received many wonderful donations for the sale, but we have room for more. The last day for donations is July 9.

In August Outreach will be collecting books for the Samaritan Center library. We collected books for the center once before, but since the clients can be transient, the books don't always come back to the library. When we delivered the personal care items after Easter we noted that the shelves have room for more books, so we are looking for hardcover or paperback

fiction. Please do not donate textbooks or encyclopedias. We will collect books from August 5 thru August 25, 2018.

In September we will collect gently used (no stains or rips) clothes to donate to "In MY Father's Kitchen." This organization distributes these items to the homeless and to refugee groups in our city. The dates for this collection are September 10 through September 28, 2018. I hope you all had the opportunity to hear John Tumino's talk at our between-service breakfast in May. He is a passionate and inspiring speaker and his small organization does much good for our less fortunate neighbors.

As always, if anyone has new ideas for Outreach opportunities, contact Eileen Robertson at 315-673-4324.

Basement Cleanup

A big **THANK YOU** goes to everyone who helped tidy up our basement last month. Over the years a number of items had accumulated, not all of which has held up over time. Our preschool friends got rid of a lot of their surplus and no-longer-useable items, and a small band of church members gathered to go through our stuff. After setting aside items for the Bake and Treasure Sale, Jeryl Wright, Bob Shafer, Jack Young, Dave Mitchell, Rich and Alison Conley, and Fr Jon met up on a Saturday morning and made quick work of the job. By July, we should have what remains organized and put neatly away.



Work at the Rectory

Nikki and I have been busy tackling some landscaping and outdoor projects at the Rectory.

We repaired a rock wall that had collapsed at some point in the past. We're hoping to tackle the landscaping along the hillside in the future, maybe next year.

We replaced a couple of rotted boards on the deck and then sanded and repainted the whole thing. We also added an additional set of stairs to allow access to the yard from both ends of the deck.

And then we added a walkway of river stones connecting the sidewalk on the side of the house to the deck and added landscaping around the deck and along the tree line of the backyard.



BEFORE



AFTER





THANKS & PRAYERS

july & august

We Ask Your Thoughts & Prayers for...

John, Shirley, Paul, Elizabeth, Helen, Marilyn, Eileen Mitchell, Patricia Smarzo and Mark

(Note: Call the church office to add anyone to our Sunday prayer list. However, the name will stay on for only one month. You must call each month to have the name put back on the list.)

Also Members of the Armed Forces:

Note: We will continue to pray for our loved ones serving in the military, but only for those who are deployed in harm's way. Please call the church office to submit a name.)

Happy July Birthday

- 10 Ashlynn Houghton
Mary Jane Olson
- 15 Carolyn Muratore
- 18 Mary Ellen Hoag
- 19 Arlene Gardner

Happy July Anniversary

- 7/6 Reg and Frances Smith
- 7/30 Dick and Shirley Chrisfield

Happy August Birthday

- 1 Jane Wiley
- 2 Gary Carkey
- 7 Donald Olson
- 8 Martin Kaszubinski
- 10 Barbara Greene
- 13 Olivia Hart-Zavoli
- 15 Kathleen Hart-Zavoli
- 18 Cortney Ruland
- 23 Joan Conley
- 29 Cheryl Young
- 30 Sherry Brescia
Sharon Hoare

Happy August Anniversary

- 19 Milt & Mary Stevenson
- 23 Gary & Bambi Carkey
- 24 Martin & Debbie Kaszubinski

Food Pantry

This is an easy ministry to support. No meetings to attend no phone calls to make. All you need to do is buy something extra at the grocery store and put it in our grocery cart. One item from each person would fill our basket each week. The pantry is always in need of our help. Thank you.

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will not meet during the summer months, June, July or August. We will resume in September. Have a wonderful summer.

**MARK THE DATE - AUGUST 11
A DAY OF FAMILY FUN FROM 11 TO 4.**

Towpath Day

This year we celebrate 200 years of canal history!

Visitors will travel by boat, witnessing a series of vignettes representing canal history and how it influenced the growth of our country. Demonstrations include a blacksmith, as well as spinning and weaving. In addition, there will be vendors, kids stuff, Home Depot activities, plus a steam engine display.

Munch on those mouth-watering Gianelli sausage sandwiches, salt potatoes, and Hofmann's hotdogs. A 5K Mule Skinner Run sponsored by the Solvay Geddes Camillus Rotary Club will be held at 9 a.m. Entertainment will include Morris Dancers, Blue Grass, and Soda Ash Six.

We appreciate the support of many volunteers from St. Luke's who are tour guides for school children, mow grass, act as docents in the museum, and monitor the Marshall Bishop Trail. Come on down and help with the St. Luke's ice cream booth!

Liz and David Beebe For more information call Liz at 315-391-7020



***Have a Safe and Happy
4th of July!***

A vibrant community bringing all to God's healing embrace.