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THE ANNUAL MEETING Sunday, February 7, 2010 following the 10:00 am service

The Annual Meeting of Luke's Church, Granville, Ohio will take place on Sunday, February 7. There will be an 8:00 am and a 10:00 am Holy Eucharist that morning, and the meeting will take place in the church, immediately following the 10 o'clock service. ***There will be no Church School or Coffee Hour - see last paragraph.*** The purpose of the Annual Meeting shall be to elect Vestry members; to receive reports by the Rector, Vestry officers, and Organizations of the Parish; and to conduct any other business that can properly come before the meeting.

A nominating committee has been formed by the Vestry, whose members will place a slate of candidates for Vestry before the Annual Meeting. The terms of four members of the Vestry expire as of the Annual Meeting, so the congregation will be electing four new members to serve in their stead.

Lunch will be served upstairs immediately following the 10:00 am service. Child care will be provided for our children through 1:00 pm, and lunch will be served for them in the Undercroft.

Shrove Tuesday Pancakes February 16 5:30 - 7:30 pm in the Undercroft

**Bob Karaffa, Russ Potter, and crew will cook and serve
some of the best pancakes and sausage you have ever eaten.**

Don't miss it!

**Don't forget to bring your palms from last year
to be burned on Shrove Tuesday for use in our
Ash Wednesday liturgies.**

Ash Wednesday Liturgy & The Holy Eucharist February 17 7:00 am, 12:00 n & 7:00 pm

Pulse of the Parish

Key things every St. Luke's member should know

At its January 12, 2010 meeting, the Vestry . . .

- was updated on the progress of the church renovation project. Bill Hanes recently represented St. Luke's at a Planning Commission hearing. Because we are located within the historic district, exterior modifications are required to be submitted for review. Our request (which was granted) was to remove and replace the fire escape on the south face of the church building, and to remove the non-functioning chimney (which was not a part of the original building) on the west side. We agreed to paint the fire escape white to make it as unobtrusive as possible;

- learned that, due to the timing of the receipt of Capital Campaign pledge dollars, it is clear that we will have to enter into some sort of borrowing arrangement to cover the renovation bills as they become due. Father Applegate distributed a spreadsheet that presents one such scenario and its implications for indebtedness through year 2020. The schedule takes into consideration our current loans on the Parish House (PNC Bank and 412 Sycamore), additional campaign dollars over and above the current pledges, a grant request to the Church Foundation, and the acquisition/repayment of a needed construction loan. Discussions are in progress with PNC Bank, the Church Foundation trustees, and a Procter Fund contact;

- received the news that the Capital Campaign stands at \$887,180 from 105 households. That figure includes at-large gifts from 22 friends of St. Luke's, totaling \$10,335;

- scheduled its annual retreat for Saturday, February 27, 9:00 am-3:00 pm, at Kendal at Granville. The Reverend John Johanssen will act as facilitator, and the major topic will be... *What happens when your rector goes on sabbatical*;

- heard from Father Applegate that: the Advent Taizé services were well re-

ceived - the dinners were so-so in terms of attendance - the Worship Committee will rethink Advent activities for 2010; the Advent Quiet Day went well, as did Christine Pae's presentation on prayer during the adult Sunday morning coffee-discussion sessions; Christmas services were well attended; the Reverend John Johanssen, the Canon to the Ordinary of the Diocese, has agreed to assist us with sabbatical planning; the Reverend Steve Williamson is the proposed sabbatical interim; the organ has been purchased with available funds from the Organ Fund, and it is being stored at the J. W. Muller Pipe Organ Company's facility in Croton; Sarah Ray, has accepted a very part-time position as systems administrator, and is meeting with Marsha Otterstedt to continue the transition of responsibilities;

- received an update from Mike Fisher that the Habitat House project is going strong, with work beginning on the interior. A new work schedule will soon be posted. A family has been chosen, and they will be worshipping with us on a Sunday in April at the 9:15 am service;

- was reminded that the Epiphany adult education series, *Prudent Provision*, was kicked off on Sunday morning, January 10, by Bill Hoekstra of McPeek-Hoekstra Funeral Home in Granville. Next, we will host Marilyn Beesley, Advance Care Coordinator at Hospice of Central Ohio, who will present information on Living Wills and Advance Directives. On January 24, Father Applegate will review the services in the Book of Common Prayer for the end of one's life and for what is known as the Burial Office. On January 31, Greg Sharkey will discuss legal issues involved in making a will and other estate plans;

- accepted the 2009 year-end financials learning that we will finish the year with a deficit of about \$6700, \$4200 of which is due to the renovation costs

associated with creating office space for the Assistant to the Rector, resulting in the necessity to create additional work stations on the first floor of the Parish House; \$2500 was due to the unexpected expense of repairing the water main break in the alley along the east side of the church building. Actualized operating pledge income was down about 3%;

- learned that the Meal-a-Month outreach project has taken off - more than 30 are participating, enabling St. Luke's to serve dinner three nights a month at the new St. Vincent De Paul men's shelter in Newark;

- extended thanks to Ann Wood for pioneering and leading the formation of the Pastoral Care Committee since its inception in August 2007. Dagny Gelormo is the new chair;

- was informed that the 2010 pledge figure stands at \$278,594 from 116 pledging units, \$6406 off budget. Percentage-wise, we are at the same place we were at this time last year;

- heard from Father Fehr about his upcoming trip to Kenya. Upon his return, he will share some reflections on his experiences to kick off a five-week adult Sunday morning education series on the church in Africa. The following three Sundays will include: reflections on the church in Zimbabwe by Michael Dube, Lutheran pastor; historical/Anglican connections between the African churches and our own by the Rev. Dr. John Karanja, a priest in the Anglican Church in Kenya and church history professor at Trinity Lutheran Seminary; and the Rev. Abeoseh Flemlister, priest of the diocese, who will speak about the proposed companion relationship with the Episcopal Church of Liberia. Tom will close the series by leading us in a conversation about why our relationships with our African sisters and brothers matter;

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Pulse of the Parish, cont'd

- also heard Father Fehr's report on a new youth initiative for grades 8-12, the Good Earth Farm in Athens. This is a small religious community in formation, growing produce for Athens County food pantries and shelters. Representatives will be meeting with our youth and their parents to discuss our commitment to this program, and

to describe what a six-day summer camp would look like.

(Complete Vestry minutes are available by request to the Clerk.)

Other news of note . . .

e-giving is available at St. Luke's! Parishioners and other donors may ac-

cess the option of giving by credit card, debit card, or direct transfers from checking or savings accounts. Go to the website - www.stlukesgranville.org, and click on **Contribute to St. Luke's**, or contact Marsha Hanes at the Parish Office for details.

Finances

Below are St. Luke's financial results for 2009. Please note, all negative numbers are shown in parentheses.

2009 Contributions and other revenue	\$303,507
2009 Diocesan grant for Asst. Rector	\$ 31,361
2009 Operating funds used for Capital Expenses	\$ 10,003
2009 Operating Expenses	\$331,611
2009 Excess Expenses over Revenue	\$ (6,746)



St. Luke's received 97% of the total amount pledged for the operating budget. Information on the 2010 budget will be

presented at the Annual Meeting on February 7, 2010.

If you have not yet made your pledge for 2010, please consider doing so. Your commitments allow St. Luke's to build a solid budget supporting all programs.

Marsha Otterstedt, CPA
Financial Administrator
for St. Luke's Financial Team
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Capital Campaign Update

For some time, we've been updating you on Campaign progress, both in the Sunday bulletin and in the monthly issues of *The Good News*. The compass graphic - picking up on the theme of the Capital Campaign, "A Joyful Journey" - has been the way we've shown our progress, so that you can see how far we've come and that there's still a little way to go to reach our goal.

Here are four things every member and friend of St. Luke's needs to know:

First, a HUGE thank you to all who have either pledged or contributed to the campaign. To date we have raised \$887,955 in gifts and pledges. In one of the most challenging economic periods in this country's history, members and friends of St. Luke's have responded generously to the need.

Second, another HUGE thank you to the Steering Committee of the Campaign: Doug Boldon, Chair, Mike Fisher, Danielle Ford, Pat Ford, Fred Karaffa, Jill LaNouette, Laura Moller, Mark Moller, Dixon Miller, Alice Parini, Gregg Parini, Jean Schelhorn, Ginny Sharkey, and Campaign Administrator Marsha Hanes. Their willingness to serve has strengthened St. Luke's for the future in ways that we are only beginning to understand. The final meeting of the Steering Committee was on Tuesday, January 19, when the group was dismissed with thanks for their efforts. Please thank a member when you next see him or her.

Third, kudos to all who helped with *Raise the Roof*, the benefit concert held at First Presbyterian Church on January 15, and especially to the Session and clergy of that church. We raised over \$3,000 in a single night. Given the tragic situation following the devastating earthquake in Haiti, half of the proceeds of the event will go to Haitian relief through First Presbyterian's Missions Committee. More important than the money raised, was the awareness raised in the community through newspaper articles, radio spots, and word of mouth.

Finally, *if you have not made a pledge or a contribution to the Capital Campaign, no matter how large or how small, please do so as soon as possible.* We want to make sure that everyone has the chance to be recognized as a participant in the Campaign when the time comes. And here's the most important thing - to do all that we want to do to restore our church building, as well as accomplish the other Campaign objectives, we need to move the compass needle a few more notches to the north. Call Marsha Hanes or Stephen Applegate at the church office if you want to know how you can help!

VOTING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

Article I, Section 3 of the Code of St. Luke's defines Communicants in Good Standing as follows: *All Communicants of St. Luke's Church who for the previous year have been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and have been faithful in working, praying, and giving financially to St. Luke's Church, are to be considered Communicants in Good Standing. This determination shall be made by the Rector and Wardens.*

Article II, Section 1E *Persons eligible to vote in the Annual Meeting shall be those 16 years of age or older who have been Communicants in Good Standing, as verified by Church records, for not less than six months preceding the day they wish to vote. A list of eligible voters, compiled by the Rector and approved by the Vestry, shall be available at the meeting. Ballots will be distributed only to eligible voters.*

According to the by-laws of the parish, Article II, Section 1E, those eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting are as follows:

Craig & Jeanne Abbott	Steve & Martha Daley	Bruce & Susan Johnson	Sam Moller
Robert Abbott	Melissa DeHart	Michael & Marilyn Jung	Myra Malishenko Morris
Susan Angus	Howard Dellard	Bob Karaffa	Clyde & Chris Moss
Terry Applegate	Tim & Marcia Dennison	Alec Karaffa	Cathleen Moulton
Pat Arant	Jo Helen DePue	Lauren Karaffa	Jack Muller & Angie Currens Muller
Rodger Asmus	Karen Dowdy-Fullin	Tracee Laing Karaffa	Keith & Patty Myers
Dick & Mary Jean Baltisberger	Jon & Marcia Downes	Fred & Jane Karaffa	Danielle Myers
Rick & Jane Baltisberger	Linda Dragonette	Stan Kauchak & Debbie Wenzel	Brent Myers
Sarah Baltisberger	Burge & Mary Evans	Anne Kauffman	Jackie O'Keefe
Peg Bammann	Scott & Cathy Evans	John Kauffman & Tom Wortham	Bob & Lee Otter
Bob & Angela Barker	Boyd & Renate Fackler	Paul & Cindy Kikeli	Gregg & Alice Parini
Bo Pope	Randy & Nancy Fannin	Jim & Mary Kishler	Thomas Irvin
Anthony Pope	Claudia Fergang	Bob & Pat Landman	Andrew Irvin
Jessica Pope	Luke Fergang	Greg & Jill LaNouette	Joe Parini
Maggie Barno	Hannah Fergang	Evan LaNouette	Solomon Parini
Mark & Carrie Barno	Mike Fisher & Sally McClaskey	Trevor LaNouette	Mary Peck
Brad & Sheryl Bateman	Abby Fisher	Alan & Susan Larimer	Susan Pierce
Henry Bateman	Lesley Fisher	Zoe Latimer	Russ & Susan Potter
Thomas Bateman	Wendy Flowers	Steve & Michele Layman	Hugh Potter
Lee Biciunas	Pat & Danielle Ford	Dan & Sarah Leavell	Ruth Potter
Doug & Marilyn Boldon	Leon & Bev Gage	Maria Leavell	Evelyn Presley
Ric Bolton & Becky Rugg	Jo-anne Geiger	Becca Leavell	Dorothy Price
Glen & Sarah Brich	Mark & Dagny Gelormo	Gail Loehnert	Jason & Sarah Ray
Harry Brich	Dave & Paula Getreu	Chris & Mary Lucas-Miller	Dave & Dee Richards
Greig & Robin Brown	Jackie Gingrich	Denise Mack	Ken & Deven Rittenhouse
Suzanne Brungart	Paul & Amy Hamilton	Jim Mack	Linda Sandin
Nancy Burdick	Marcus Hamilton	Sam Mack	Derek Sandin
Michael & Ashlin Caravana	Carla Hammer	Cindy Mackin	Ron & Margo Santoni
Nick Caravana	Bill & Marsha Hanes	Doris Mavis	Matt Scavo
Carole Carlisle	Rob & Patty Harklau	Paige McCall	Fred Schelhorn
John & Renee Cassell	Halle Harklau	Jean McCalmont	Jean Schelhorn
Judy Chambers	Yvette Harklau	Sheila McGrath	Sandy Schirmer
Joe & Diane Charles	Bev Harris	Liz McIntosh	Brad & Amanda Schneider
Millie Charron	Jessen & Beth Havill	Evan McKenna	George Seitz
Jennifer Cochran-Mosquera	Scott Hayes	Ray & Lyn McKenna	Greg & Ginny Sharkey
Juancito Mosquera	Ann Hendry	Jim McKivergin	Samantha Sharkey
Aisha Mosquera	Hal Hodson	Keith & Courtney McWalter	Dylan Sharkey
Bill Collins	Bill & Cherie Holland	Rachel Meister	Charles Shelton
Dominick Consolo	Gretchen Hollingsworth	Steve & Barb Mighton	Lucy Shutt
Kitty Consolo	Al Huggins	Stacey Mighton	Penny Sitler
Jean Coombs	John Hunter & Karen Goodell	Laura Miley	Mark Smith & Liz Barringer-Smith
Stuart Coombs	Lynda Hutras	Tim Miley	
Nancy Cordo	Jimi James & Mary Raysa	Dixon Miller	
Peggy Corrigan	Jocelyn Jackson	Mark & Laura Moller	
Mary Cox			<i>Continued . . .</i>

VOTING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING, cont'd

Evie Stark	Nancy Taggart-Bowers	Hedda Windisch von Goeben	Clarke & Sara Jean Wilhelm
William Steinman & Bari Watkins	Matthew Tidwell & Liz Weiser	Debi Walker	Bill Wilken
Harriett Stone	Rebecca Thomas	Tom & Linda Weeks	Geoff & Diana Wilson
John & Julie Strohmeyer	Elizabeth Thomas	Bart & Julianna Weiler	Stephen Wilson
Peter Strohmeyer	Heather Titley	Linda Weiler	Alenlia Woerner
John Taylor Strohmeyer	Mary Tuominen	Bruce & Lisa Westall	Ann Wood
Lydia Strohmeyer	Barbara Vockel	Liza Wheeler	
		Janet White	

The Nominating Committee has finished its work.

Having received Vestry approval, the Nominating Committee will present a single slate of nominees for Vestry positions at the parish's Annual Meeting on February 7, 2010 (see biographical information about the nominees below). St. Luke's Code of Regulations allows nominations from the floor of the Annual Meeting. Persons nominated must have agreed to stand for election and to serve if elected. The Vestry meets monthly, except during the months of July *or* August, and is responsible for the oversight of parish finances, buildings and grounds, and program. Vestry members should be regular in their attendance at worship; supporters of the mission and ministry of the church with their time, talent and treasure; and committed to the health of parish life.

Mike Fisher – Having earned his Ph.D. in Astronomy from The Ohio State University, Mike is a Research Leader at Battelle, in Columbus. No stranger to lay ministry, he serves as Chalcist, Lector, and Intercessor, and many may know him from his Adult Education presentations. An experienced vestry member, Mike has served parishes as both Junior and Senior Warden. Married to Sally McClaskey for 29 years (they are affectionately known as the McFisher's), they have three daughters, Abby, a photographer for the *Lancaster Eagle Gazette* and St. Luke's webmaster; Lesley, a junior at The Ohio State University; and Maggie, a freshman at Granville High School. Mike's hobbies include British Sports Cars (1967 Sunbeam Alpine Series V), narrow gauge model railroading, scale models, and skiing.

Susan Larimer – Susan holds a Master of Science Nursing degree from the State University of New York Upstate Medical Center, Syracuse, NY. Currently retired, she has held positions of Clinical Nurse Specialist, Clinical Nurse Instructor, Nurse Educator, and Staff Nurse and Supervisor, working in nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, and college classrooms. At St. Luke's, she is a substitute Altar Guild member, and participates in the *Needlers*. She has served as a Lay Eucharistic Minister (now called a Eucharistic Visitor), on vestries in other parishes, a search and development committee, altar guilds, and ECW, and is a life-long Episcopalian. Married to Alan, they have six daughters between them, and six grandchildren. When they are not traveling for Alan's work, she finds time for sewing, reading, painting, and gardening.

Steve Layman – A 1973 Denison University graduate, Steve is a broker with Anderson Layman Company, an established investment and commercial real estate brokerage. Although a fairly recent member of St. Luke's (along with wife Michele), he is well-known in the community for his various local interests, which include serving as chair of the Heath-Newark-Licking County Port Authority; chair of the Newark City Board of Zoning Appeals; former board member of the Licking County Chamber of Commerce; and past trustee of the Newark Public Library. Being a father of four means that his spare time is limited, but he still manages to enjoy reading, walking, music, and high school sports.

Mark Moller – Mark is an associate professor of philosophy at Denison. Both his masters and Ph.D. were earned at Washington University in St. Louis. He was an elected member of the Vestry from 2005-2008, and was re-elected in December 2008, serving the balance of an unexpired term due to a vacancy. Mark is also the current Junior Warden. He continues to be very excited about the direction in which St. Luke's is heading, and would welcome another opportunity to take an active role in the leadership of the church. Mark and wife Laura have three children, Sam, Abby and Max. He is the head coach of the Granville High School lacrosse team. His hobbies include fishing, fly tying, golf, and reading.

From the Rector

Spring Training

Not long ago, a seminary classmate of mine, Roger Sonnesyn, sent me a copy of the Virginia Theological Seminary alumni magazine. The magazine was folded open to a page that had a picture of Virginia's touch football team playing against the General Theological Seminary's football team (known as 'The Penguins,' for what I suspect are obvious reasons). Roger had included a message on a sticky note that said, "We beat these guys 24-3!" I laughed out loud when I read the note – first that Roger would take the time and thought to send me the magazine, and second that he'd remember the score of the game.

But that would be Roger – an old "jock" from Minnesota whose competitive fires are obviously still smoldering – writing to another old "jock" from New York about our seminary team's exploits from thirty years ago.

Roger and I were both in our mid 20's when we arrived on the "close" of General Seminary. The "close" occupies a verdant city block in the Chelsea neighborhood, a block with grass and trees in a concrete and glass city, but it was a far cry from the wide open spaces of our home dioceses. We had both come from the business world, and had played college sports. We were not the types who could tolerate hours sitting in our classes or in our library carrels. So we needed to find a way to burn off the excess physical energy in order to concentrate on our studies.

Roger, being the consummate organizer, decided to put together a touch football team. Once he'd recruited a team, he contacted other seminaries, including our rival seminary, Virginia, to see if they wanted to get together for games. The next thing we knew, we had jerseys, and a schedule, and a Won-Loss record.

Encouraged by the success of the football experiment, Roger decided next that we should organize a basketball team for the winter months. GTS had an old court, complete with stained glass windows; one of our professors had grown up in Indiana (not that he knew a thing about basketball, but we recruited him to be the coach anyway!), and pretty soon we were playing teams from all around metropolitan New York.

I'll never forget the first basketball practice in the seminary gym. Roger was ready to run layup drills and shoot free throws, but our coach, the Reverend Dr. J. Robert Wright, had other plans. He started our training by giving us a lecture on two Greek verbs (Greek being the language in which the New Testament is written). The words were *athleo*, meaning "to compete in a contest," from which we get our word, "athletic," and *askeo*, meaning "to practice," from which we get our word, "ascetic."

I suppose we should have expected a seminary professor to lecture us about Christianity, but a word study for a basketball practice? We did get to the layups and free throws eventually, but the team came away with something more – with a fresh understanding that what is essential for success in sports is what is also important for success in one's spiritual life.

We have to "compete," as it were, with all the things that distract us from developing a relationship with God, and we have to "practice" certain spiritual disciplines – saying our prayers, taking time for reflection, and listening for God's voice among all the many "voices" that are insisting that they deserve our attention.

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17. I like to think of it as "spring training" for our souls – 40 days to get ourselves in better spiritual shape – so we can, as Paul wrote, "run with endurance the race that is set before us."

Lent is a good time for some *athleo* and *askeo*. And if you need a personal trainer, either Tom Fehr or I will be happy to help.

Blessings,
Stephen Applegate

Coffee: Grounds for Discussion - The Sunday morning adult study group - presents

The Church in Africa

We are invited to join the Reverend Tom Fehr for a five week Lenten *Coffee: Grounds for Discussion* series on the church in Africa, which will begin February 21, and run through March 14, from 10:15 - 11:00 am. By no means will this be an exhaustive discussion. The countries of focus are directly related to the experience of the invited speakers. Tom will share stories of his trip to Kenya at the first meeting, and the next three sessions will each feature one of three guest speakers: the Reverend Michael Dube, the Reverend Dr. John Karanja and the Reverend Abeoseh Flemister, who will speak on the church in Zimbabwe, Kenya and Liberia respectively. At the last session, we will put everything in perspective by asking the question, "Why does all of this matter to us?" Please make plans to join us!

Wednesdays in Lent: The Trial of Jesus and Our Human Trials

One of the most compelling stories in all of Holy Scripture is the trial of Jesus. It is told in a different version in each of the four Gospels. During Wednesdays in Lent, we'll look at these stories using a wonderful book by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, called *The Trial of Christ: How the Gospel Unsettles Our Judgment*.

The subtitle of the book contains the theme of our series: how the Gospel unsettles our judgment, and why this unsettling is a good thing.

Archbishop Williams examines the trial scenes in each Gospel, and offers an unexpected interpretation of Christ's actions in each of the versions. For example, while examining the Gospel according to Mark, the author re-imagines "what it is for God to speak to us as God – not as a version of whatever makes us feel secure and appears more attractive than other familiar kinds of security. For if our talk about God is a religious version of talk about human safety, the paradox is that it will fail to say anything at all about salvation. It will not have anything to do with what is decisively and absolutely not the way of this world."

Copies of the book, which is only 157 pages long, will be available for \$10 on Sundays in the church, and through the week in the Parish House during normal business hours - 9:00 am - noon.

Here is the schedule:	February 24	Mark: Voices at Midnight
	March 3	Matthew: Wisdom in Exile
	March 10	Luke: Knocking on the Window
	March 17	John: Home and Away
	March 24	God's Spies: Believers on Trial
	March 31	No Answer: Jesus and his Judges

We'll gather for a soup and bread supper at 6:00 pm. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Undercroft if you'd like to provide soup and/or bread for one of the Wednesday suppers. Our study will begin at 7:00 pm. The evening will end with a brief service of Compline, with participants heading home no later than 8:15 pm. I hope you'll join me.

Stephen Applegate

From the Assistant to the Rector

Eucharistic Visitors

On Sunday, January 10, St. Luke's commissioned the following Eucharistic Visitors: Linda Dragonette, Yvette Harklau, Jimi James, Lyn McKenna, Mary Raysa, Dorothy Seitz, George Seitz, Janet White, and Ann Wood. They will represent the community as they extend our Eucharistic fellowship to those who are sick, injured, or shut in, and are unable to worship with us on Sunday. They will depart from St. Luke's immediately following the service. The goal is for our Eucharistic Visitors to see such members regularly on a monthly basis.

I will be responsible for scheduling the visits, so if you or someone you know would like to be on the visitation list, please contact me by phone at 587-0167, or email at tjfehr@gmail.com.

Contemplative Prayer

During Lent, we will be piloting a contemplative prayer group. An organizational gathering is scheduled for Monday, February 15 at 7:00 pm in the Parish House. At that time we will discuss how the group will function and when we will meet. I'm sure we will have time for a little contemplative prayer as well! If you are interested in being a part of this group, please join us for this initial gathering. If you are unable to make this first gathering, but are interested in joining us, please contact me by phone at 587-0167, or email at tjfehr@gmail.com.

Tom Fehr

Education

Sundays for Children

During the education hour, 10:15 - 11:00 am, Church School for students in Pre-K through grade 6 takes place upstairs in the Parish House; students in grades 7-12 are invited to gather downstairs in the Parish House for informal conversation.

Continue to bring your aluminum cans to fund our next outreach project.

The Middle School Youth Group for youth in grades 6, 7, & 8 will meet on Sunday, February 28, 6:00 pm, upstairs in the Parish House. Dinner will be provided.

Sally McClaskey

Director of Christian Education sally3mac@adelphia.net or 587-0506.

The High School Youth Group

And the winner is . . . Good Earth Farm in Athens, Ohio. This is the site of our summer youth mission trip for current 8th through 12th grade students. We are planning to depart on June 22 and return on June 27. Paul Clever, leader of the community at the farm, visited us on January 17 to discuss our upcoming trip. He shared a short video of life on the farm and described the life of the Common Friars. We will assist in the work on the farm, growing fresh produce for use at area food pantries and shelters. While there, we will share in the life of the Common Friars while learning about discipleship, sustainable agriculture, and environmental stewardship. In the process of our work, we will be building relationships with those on the farm and those who benefit from the fruits of our labor. Our own relationships will grow deeper as we work, pray and play together.

Tom Fehr and Abby Fisher

High School Youth Group Coordinators

Other Education Opportunities for Adults

The Potluck & Bible Study will meet in the Parish House on Sunday, February 7, 7:00 pm, for study only and on Sunday, February 28, 6:00 pm, for a meal and discussion. The group, with Father Fehr, continues a study of Mark's Gospel. All are welcome to join the group at any time. If you are coming for the first time, contact Marilyn Boldon at 587-2937, or 740-507-4585, or at mboldon@roadrunner.com. The group sometimes cancels if several members are unable to be present, so check to be sure the group is meeting.

The Women's Bible Study will meet on Mondays, February 8 & 22, at 7:00 pm in the Undercroft. The group will continue their study of the Old Testament with an historical perspective. Father Applegate and Christine Pae, Ph.D., assistant professor of Christian Ethics at Denison, will alternatively lead these discussions. We invite all women of St. Luke's to join us. It should appeal to all, whether you have been well versed in the Old Testament or are studying it for the first time. You may bring your own Bible or use one of the copies available in the Undercroft. If you have any questions, please contact Patty Myers at pkmyers@adelphia.net or 587-2796.

Music

Festival Choir to begin Requiem rehearsals in February

On Thursday, February 25 at 7:30 pm, the Festival Choir will begin rehearsing for the Good Friday presentation of Gabriel Fauré's "Requiem." The Festival Choir is open to anyone who can make most of the Thursday night rehearsals, and who likes to sing. If you've ever wanted to sing a large work, such as a Requiem, here is your chance!

Rehearsals are Thursdays, February 25, March 4, 11, 18, and 25, from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm, and Saturday, March 20, from 10 am to noon. Dress rehearsal is Friday, April 2, at 3:00 pm.

The performance is Good Friday, April 2, at 7:30 pm, and will be accompanied by organ, strings, horn, and harp.

Please join us!

Soli Deo Gloria,

Scott G. Hayes

Organist-Choirmaster stlukesmusic@gmail.com.

Membership

Welcome to our newest members, who were recognized on January 17. They are Monica Fiore; Barbara Aston and children, Allen and Karen; Bill and Chris Dargusch; and Ben and Kathleen Burt and children Tobias, Lucia, and Broden.

" ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE " PARISH POTLUCK, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

We hope you will join us for a Valentine's Day potluck in the Undercroft from 10:15 am - 1:00 pm. It will be a "sweetheart" of a day, sharing a warm meal and cozying up with 75+ of your best friends. The Membership Committee will provide ham, cheese plates, and scalloped potatoes. We ask that you bring your favorite side dish, breakfast casserole, vegetable dish, or appetizer. Tableware, plates and drinks will be provided.

In order to not conflict with the Annual Meeting on February 7, our *First Sunday Celebration*, at which we honor those with February birthdays and anniversaries with a cake at Coffee Hour, will be a part of our *All You Need Is Love* Parish Potluck on February 14.

The Membership Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. The next meeting will be held on February 2 at the home of Nancy Taggart-Bowers.

Patty Myers, Chair
The Membership Committee
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WELCOMING OUR NEWEST MEMBERS . . .

Marita Moore and daughters Allison (2nd grade) and Zoe (1st grade) have joined us. Marita, a family physician, is married to Jonathan, an assistant professor in the religion department at Denison. No stranger to lay ministry, Marita has served as a Sunday School teacher, and youth mission chaperone. At St. Luke's, she is an active participant in the Sunday morning adult discussion group, *Coffee: Grounds for Discussion* and the Women's Bible Study; the girls are attending Church School. Although new to Granville, Marita has discovered our local coffee shops, restaurants and the library. Yoga, reading and cooking are among her interests.

Friday Feeders

On February 5, at 7:00 pm, Friday Feeders will go to the House of Kanji, a Japanese Steak House on 30th Street in Heath. The food is good and watching it being cooked in front of us should be entertaining. For the Japanese steak house, **I need a firm reservation by Wednesday, February 3.** If you're planning to go, or if you need transportation, or have any questions, **please make a reservation** by contacting Cherie Holland at hollicherie@roadrunner.com, or at 587-0091.

Mark your calendar for March 5 at 7:00 pm, when we will be returning to the Grill on 21st Street. We had to cancel our January outing due to weather so we rescheduled for March. We hope everyone will come and enjoy the food and fellowship at both of these fine restaurants.

Men's Retreat

Calling all men. Would you be interested in an overnight retreat? We are gauging interest in a Friday night/Saturday retreat sometime in April during the Easter season. A possible theme would be to explore what it means to be an Easter people. What is it that forms us as believers in Jesus Christ who was crucified and is risen from the dead?

With a few volunteers to help plan and coordinate such a retreat, we could have a very meaningful time of fellowship and spiritual renewal. If you are interested, please contact Father Fehr by phone at 587-0167 or email at tjfehr@gmail.com.

Needlers

This group usually meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Undercroft. If you like to gather with friends to work on your current needlework project, join them on February 3. Many of our needlepoint kneelers were made by members of this group. Call Yvette Harklau at 587-3011, for further information.

February Outreach . . . Opportunities to Serve

“Participating in the community of care and justice envisioned in the Gospels”

Thanks to everyone for your continued support of Outreach activities. 2009 was a year of great need, and you compassionately responded accordingly. We were blessed by so many people helping to put on events, supporting events, creating new opportunities, and especially by YOU who gave so much so often. Deven Rittenhouse, coordinator of the **CROP Walk** in Granville, has just learned that St Luke's, and Denison University's Fair Trade Alliance had the largest increase and the highest total contribution - \$2,110.71 - of any group in the Newark area. This is exciting news and bodes well for next year's effort. Keep up the good work! Both the **Angel Tree** (Stan Kauchak and Debbie Wenzel) and **Festival of Trees** (Julianna Weiler and Athena Koehler) saw increased results. Ears, eyes, and hearts keep us learning about and sharing with those in need.

THIS MONTH'S OPPORTUNITIES

For those who are hungry . . .

- First Baptist Church, Granville, in cooperation with Trinity Episcopal Church, Newark, has been **preparing sack lunches** on the fourth Sunday of each month to distribute to the hungry on the Courthouse Square. Numbers are increasing (they are now preparing 200+ lunches), and donations are encouraged. Checks: St. Luke's Church; memo line: FBC-MSAC.
- **The Food Pantry Network:** Suggested items for this month are canned meat, tuna, and dinner helpers. If you would rather give money, write a check to St. Luke's Church and on the memo line write Food Pantry Network.

Other efforts . . .

Our three **Meal-a-Month** cooking groups for the St. Vincent de Paul Homeless Shelter began their mission work in January. All three groups have planned out their dinners (some for the whole year!), and have cooked and served one meal at the shelter. This mission work provides an opportunity for the workers to eat with the homeless. God will be present among those gathered at the table.

Here are the upcoming **Habitat for Humanity** work days:

Saturday, February 6

Wednesday, February 24

Saturday, March 13

Wednesday, April 7

Saturday, April 24

Contact Mike Fisher at 587-0506, for details.

If you wish to donate money to any Outreach-supported event, write a check to St. Luke's Church, and, on the memo line, write the name of the organization to which you wish the money to go.

The Outreach Committee is very grateful for the willingness of St. Luke's members to assist those in need. You are always welcome at any of our meetings (2nd Wednesday of even-numbered calendar months) or to contact any of our members about the initiatives we choose to support.

The first meeting of the year will be on February 10, 7:00 pm in the Parish House. At this meeting, we will begin deliberations on how we will put to use the Capital Campaign monies, a tithe - 10 % of each contribution - which has been allocated, in accordance with our Capital Campaign goals, to the Bancroft Fund, interest on which supports our outreach programs. Any input on this disbursement would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to be a part of the discussion about an effective use of these monies, please join us.

Jimi James, Chair

The Outreach Committee jimi@ohheron.com

Two Ways to Help the People of Haiti

1. Contribute through Healing Art Missions.

Donations will be matched up to \$5,000 by an anonymous donor.

Make your check out to St. Luke's Church with "HAM" on the memo line, and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. Healing Art Missions exists to support those in need around the world. An authorized 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization, HAM has provided assistance to the people of Haiti through medical care, education and other areas of need since 1998, with 99% of all funds spent directly in Haiti. For further information, go to their website at www.healingartmissions.org.

2. Contribute through Episcopal Relief and Development.

Make your check out to St. Luke's Church with "ERD" on the memo line and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. Also an authorized 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization, Episcopal Relief and Development is the international relief and development agency of the Episcopal Church in the United States. For further information, go to their website at www.er-d.org.

A Request From The Historic Preservation Committee

St. Luke's Historic Preservation Committee is building a database of the church's membership. In its present form, the database reaches back about four decades. Our goal is to build a register that extends back to the founding of the congregation in the 1820s. Please contact the committee chair, Bill Wilken (bill.wilken@wilkenmail.com or 740.587.7627) if you would enjoy assisting in this effort.

Who We Are and How to Reach Us

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Rector and Staff

The Reverend Stephen H. Applegate, Rector

In case of a pastoral emergency, call 740-403-4889.

The Reverend Thomas J. Fehr, Assistant to the Rector

In case of a pastoral emergency, call 513-312-2614

Scott G. Hayes, Organist-Choirmaster

Sally McClaskey, Director of Christian Education

Marsha Hanes and Marilyn Boldon, Parish Administrators

Marsha Otterstedt and Marsha Hanes, Financial Administrators

Abigail Fisher, Webmaster Mike & Vicky Wieber, Sextons

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Parish Family News

We give thanks for the lives of Marvine Taggart, mother of Nancy Taggart-Bowers; Gail Loehnert; and Phyllis Sylvester, and we pray for God's comfort for their families and friends.

We welcomed to God's family through Baptism on January 3, Broden Burt son of Ben & Kathleen Burt and brother to Tobias and Lucia.

We welcome newly commissioned Eucharistic Visitors, Linda Dragonette, Yvette Harklau, Jimi James, Lyn McKenna, Mary Raysa, Dorothy Seitz, George Seitz, Janet White, and Ann Wood.

We welcome new members Marita Moore and daughters Allison and Zoe.