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## Interim Musings

I can't help but think back to a time many, many years ago. I was a brand new Deacon – just graduated from Virginia Seminary. I had been assigned as a Curate (an old “Church word” for a Junior Assistant), and the Rector of the Parish was going on a ten-month Sabbatical – to England! But I wasn't left on my own. A retired priest came to the Parish as Sabbatical Interim Rector. Who would have thought I'd be the retired priest coming as Sabbatical Interim for St. Luke's?

In these last forty-five years, I've served as Curate, Vicar, Rector, Canon to the Ordinary, Regional Executive, Archdeacon, and then Vicar and Rector again. I hope that those years and those experiences have given me some maturity as well as white hair, and given me more confidence in God's love and patience for all of us.

I'm looking forward to our summer together, to getting to know you in ways that weren't possible for a “supply priest.” St. Luke's is an exciting congregation. I'm looking forward to sharing the excitement, and to being part of the continuing growth of this Parish Family. I'm especially looking forward to working with Mark Moller and committee members on implementing the work of the Structure for Ministry Committee. I think they've come up with a design that will help groups work together and enlarge the opportunities for all of you to be involved in the life of the Parish.

The Rector and the Vestry have worked hard to prepare for this Sabbatical time. They hope that it is a time of growth for everyone - for Stephen to explore the hopes and dreams and reality of Episcopal Congregations in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, and for us to explore some new ways of being God's family in Granville. I'm grateful to all of you for giving me this opportunity to share this journey.

The Reverend Stephen Williamson  
Sabbatical Interim

## Pulse of the Parish

### *Key things every St. Luke's member should know*

#### *At its May 13, 2010 meeting, the Vestry . . .*

- accepted the joint recommendation of the majorities of the Historic Preservation and the Property, Building and Grounds Committees that the organ case for the new organ be crafted from the poplar pews in the gallery. On close inspection, it was found that these were not original to the church building (there is some evidence that they may have been installed in the 1850s), were made of paint grade poplar (cannot be stained), and several of them could not easily be re-installed elsewhere because they had been cut off at some point. All things considered, recycling them for the organ case would be the best option to preserve a part of the past. The decision is being made now because the gallery is in the process of being disassembled in order to evaluate the work that will need to be done to reinforce the structure to accommodate the new instrument;

- acted on a proposal that came out of the 2010 Vestry Retreat and created an eleventh standing committee, Adult Education. Steve Layman agreed to be the Vestry liaison and Mark Moller is working on committee member recruitment. It was noted that this committee is separate from the existing Christian Education Committee, whose responsibility is education for youth. Their first major responsibility will be to plan the adult education offerings for the 2010-2011 program year that begins on September 12;

- in accordance with parish by-laws that allow one meeting (July or August) to be passed, decided that Vestry will meet on June 8 and August 10, eliminating the July session;

- received an update on the building construction: the contractors have been working inside, opening up the gallery so that the engineer is able to

make an assessment of the extent of the necessary reinforcing work to enable the installation of the Schantz organ; the east side re-siding is almost complete; the west side siding removal has begun; the repair of the beam that had been cut-off during a previous project will be completed;

- heard a report on the May 3 Finance Committee meeting: the committee, concerned about the cost of an external audit, is looking at ways to limit the scope of the audit yet allow it to be in compliance with Diocesan procedures, and noted that the 2012 budget will bear this expense; because an issue will be raised over the fact that we have only one counter on Sunday mornings, the Vestry will work on a rotating schedule to supplement the Counter Corps; the committee also is exploring the possibility of consolidating our indebtedness in order to take advantage of a fixed rate; there is a possibility that some members may be interested in a bond offering, and Dixon Miller is gathering information. It is suggested that Vestry members gauge support for this through informal discussions with other members as to what they might be willing to support; the committee wants to move into a Planned Giving Program, and the Stewardship Committee will consider this;

- learned that the Church School classroom configuration has become problematic. With a growing program, the noise levels and over-all lack of space are driving the need for a new approach. Sally McClaskey will contact Bill Hanes to talk about possibilities and requirements;

- heard from the Reverend Stephen G. Williamson III that he is transitioning pastoral care issues with Father Applegate, the preaching schedule has been submitted, and he will be meeting with the staff this Thursday;

- learned from Father Applegate that: he has been formally accepted into

the joint D. Min. program in congregational development at Seabury-Western Theological Seminary and the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Berkeley (CDSP), and will be taking two courses this June - *Leadership and the Church*, to be taught by Dr. Robert Bottoms, Interim Dean and President of Seabury, with special guest lecturer in the course, the Rt. Rev. Jeffrey Lee, Bishop of the Diocese of Chicago; and *Congregations in the 21st Century*, a course taught by the Rev. Dr. Susan Harlow, Director of Congregational Development and Professor of Practical Theology at Seabury. He will be living in graduate student housing at Northwestern University during the residency period along with the Dean of the Cathedral in Syracuse, NY, and the rector of a parish in Lewes, DE - an old village in Delaware near Rehoboth Beach; he has been working with the Wardens, Steve Williamson and Tom Fehr on a variety of transitions. Among other things, a mid-week Communion service is scheduled for next Tuesday at Kendal; a letter has been written that will be sent to the parish, updating members on the current status of the renovation; the local American Legion Post will host their annual breakfast in the Undercroft on Memorial Day morning; Healing Art Missions has scheduled a fund raiser in Opera House Park on August 21, with the church as the "rain" option; a same-sex union blessing for Mary Raysa and Jimi James is scheduled for September 26, at St. Luke's;

- heard a report from the Property, Building and Grounds Committee that: the downspout on the southeast corner of the Parish House is now overflowing and the downspout needs some work similar to what was done on the other corner of the Parish House; a fan motor on the furnace in the Parish House had to be replaced;

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## Pulse of the Parish, cont'd

received the resignation of Lee Biciunas as a groundskeeper; is planning to cut out a burning bush and two old boxwoods in the front yard of the church and then to dig up the climbing rose (the root system of which is interfering with drainage) in the rear of the church and move it to the spot where one boxwood and the burning bush were located; a drain in one of the church toilets had to be unclogged and a water line started leaking in the choir robe closet; the security keypad installation for the north entrance to the Parish House is being scheduled;

- received additional committee news as follows: **Christian Education** – early Communion classes will be given every other year, the next one scheduled for 2012. Fathers Applegate and Fehr will be asked to interact with the classes so that the children can develop a relationship with the clergy outside of formal worship. More adults will be recruited for the children’s program;

**Finance** – accepted the April 2010 Executive Summary Report - income is slightly higher than budgeted but expenses are up as well. Thanks were extended to Marsha Otterstedt for her input, especially for the work done for the Finance Committee; **Outreach** - The Great Granville Garage Sale fund raiser will be turning over \$2400+ to The Licking County Coalition for Housing this week; **Historic Preservation** - a joint meeting with Property, Building and Grounds is scheduled to consider/schedule interior projects that might be completed. As most might have noticed, the carpet, especially in the Narthex, is worn out and heavily soiled, painting needs to be done, the lectern and pulpit are falling apart, and these are just a few of the more noticeable problems; **Pastoral Care** - a Lay Pastoral Visitors program is under consideration and the Reverend John Kauffman has agreed to provide training; **Stewardship** - plans for the fall campaign will be developed over the

summer. The first draft of the 2011 operating budget should be ready in August; **Worship** - the summer schedule begins on May 30 with services at 8:00 am, 10:00 am, and 5:00 pm. The 2010-2011 program year will begin on September 12;

- in response to a question about the division of responsibilities in Father Applegate’s absence, learned that Father Williamson will be responsible for worship and staff; Mike Fisher will chair Vestry meetings and deal with the renovation issues.

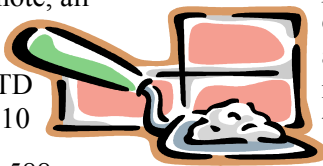
(Complete Vestry minutes are available by request to the Clerk.)

**e-giving is available at St. Luke’s!** Parishioners and other donors may access the option of giving by credit card, debit card, or direct transfers from checking or savings accounts. Go to [www.stlukesgranville.org](http://www.stlukesgranville.org), and click on **Contribute to St. Luke’s**, or contact Marsha Hanes at 587-0167.

## Finances

The table below shows St. Luke's operating income and expenses through April 30, 2010. Please note, all negative numbers are shown in parentheses.

	Paid in '09	Jan - Mar	Apr	YTD 2010
Income	22,480	82,733	38,375	143,588
Expense	0	94,992	36,994	131,986
Net	22,480	(12,259)	1,381	11,602



Prepayment of 2010 pledges in 2009 improved current cash flow. Although Jan-Mar 2010 expenses exceeded income for the quarter, year to date income remains positive. Thank you for all your efforts to keep pledge payments current. Your continued faithful giving allows us to maintain our current ministries.

Marsha Otterstedt, CPA  
 Financial Administrator  
 for St. Luke’s Financial Team  
[finance\\_stlukes@windstream.net](mailto:finance_stlukes@windstream.net)

## Children's Education

**Children's Church** will begin for the summer months on Sunday, June 6. Volunteers are needed to lead a lesson for children in pre-kindergarten through fourth grade. Children leave at sermon time during the 10:00 am service for a brief lesson in the Undercroft and return at the peace. All lessons are provided and are based on the Gospel lesson. Please consider volunteering for a week or two; a sign-up sheet is posted in the Undercroft.

**Confirm not Conform, or CnC**, is the youth confirmation program that will be used at St. Luke's beginning this fall. It exposes youth to a wide range of topics, including Scripture, sacraments, creeds, heresy, the Episcopal Church, and other religions, and asks them to think through what they believe and why. It is about finding one's own voice, rather than simply conforming to an external standard. It is a program that respects the work youth do and trusts that if youth put in the effort to articulate what they believe and why, they will make good choices about their next step in faith.

An important part of this program is that each youth has an adult mentor from the parish who participates with them in activities and supports them throughout the program. If you would like more information or would like to apply to be a mentor, please contact me or Father Fehr.

**The annual Granville Ecumenical Vacation Bible School** is just around the corner - June 14-18. This year's program is entitled *Baobab Blast - God's Great Get-Together*, and is hosted by First Presbyterian Church, with assistance from St. Edward the Confessor, First Baptist and St. Luke's. Remember that it takes many volunteers to help make this program a success. You can volunteer for just a day or two, or all week. Students entering seventh grade and up are also welcome as teen volunteers. Volunteer forms and registration materials are available in the Parish House.

**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 resume in September.

Sally McClaskey  
Director of Christian Education 587-0506      mcclaskey.12@osu.edu

## Other Education Opportunities for Adults

**The Potluck & Bible Study** will not meet in June. All are welcome to join at any time when the study resumes. 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 resume in the fall, meeting on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:00 pm in the Undercroft. We invite all women of St. Luke's to join us. It should appeal to all, whether you are well-versed or are studying 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.

### **Adult Inquirer's Class**

Got questions about the Christian faith and/or the Episcopal Church? Opportunity knocks. Inquirer's classes begin soon.

Inquirer's classes are for:

- adults who have been worshipping at St. Luke's who wish to discern and prepare for baptism, confirmation or for reception into the Episcopal Church from another church;
- adults who have been Episcopalians "forever" and have a desire to learn more; and
- friends and family members who may not have a church home, but are interested in learning more about Christianity in general and the Episcopal Church in particular.

Classes will be led by Father Fehr, and will be a safe place in the midst of a caring community to explore questions about God, Church, and one's relationship to both. If you're interested in the class, contact him at tjfehr@gmail.com or 587-0167.

## **High School Youth Group**

### **Here's to all the Graduating Seniors**

On behalf of the High School Youth Group and the entire parish, Abby and I would like to congratulate our 2010 High School graduates:

Henry Bateman, Earlham College  
Harry Brich, The Ohio State University at Newark  
Luke Fergang, Wittenberg University  
Stacey Mighton, Miami University - Ohio  
Aisha Mosquera, Otterbein College  
Solomon Parini, Bowling Green State University  
Anthony Pope, The Ohio State University  
Lydia Strohmeier, Denison University, and  
Stephen Wilson, Lehigh University.

Know the presence and the blessing of God wherever you find yourself next on your journey, and don't be a stranger when you come back home!

### **Summer Camp**

It's not too late to register for summer camp at Procter. Camp dates begin June 30 and run through August 14. There are family camp dates and dates for various age groups. You can find information about camp and registration forms at [www.youth.diosohio.org](http://www.youth.diosohio.org). There is also an information brochure on the parish office and Undercroft bulletin boards. If you'd like to talk to someone who's been to camp many times, Harry Brich would be glad to hear from you.

### **GGGS a Huge Fundraising Success for the HSYG**

The HSYG raised \$1,142 during the recent Great Granville Garage Sale (GGGS)! This will assist us in our mission trip to the Good Earth Farm in Athens, Ohio later this month, and for additional activities this summer and into the next program year. We would like to thank all the committee members who organized the GGGS, our many donors who parted with family treasures, the anonymous donor who paid our \$35 registration fee, the Granville Kiwanis Club, who donated our tent in Opera House Park, and the youth and adults who helped with setup, cleanup and selling. We couldn't have done it without you. God bless you.

Abby Fisher  
Fr. Tom Fehr

## **Lost and Not Yet Found**

On the wall in my office is an empty picture hanger. It once held one of the art pieces I acquired at the Healing Art Missions art auction on my very first Sunday visit to St. Luke's. It is made from the lid of a steel drum and features the children of the world holding hands and circling the globe. At some point, I loaned it to someone in the parish and for the life of me I can't remember who. Whoever you are, when you are finished with it, I would like to cover that empty spot on my office wall!

Fr. Fehr

## Friday Feeders

Mark your calendar for June 4, at 7:00 pm. Destination is tentative, so if you're planning to go, if you need transportation, or have any questions, or want to make a reservation, contact Cherie Holland at [hollichierie@roadrunner.com](mailto:hollichierie@roadrunner.com), or at 587-0091.

## 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 June 2. Many of our needlepoint kneelers were made by members of this group. Call Yvette Harklau at 587-3011, for further information.

## June Outreach . . . Opportunities to Serve

*"Participating in the community of care and justice envisioned in the Gospels"*

### A BIG, BIG thank you . . .

to those who brought food for the Food Pantry Network of Licking County,  
to our three teams cooking and serving at the St. Vincent de Paul Homeless Shelter, and  
to those whose work made the Great Granville Garage Sale a success for the Licking County Coalition for Housing.

If you wish to donate money to any Outreach-supported event or organization, 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.

### THIS MONTH'S OPPORTUNITIES

#### For the hungry . . . Millennium Goal #1

The Food Pantry Network's food items needed for June are peanut butter and jelly. There is an ever increasing request for food at Network Pantries. As the number of unemployed persons continues to increase, so does the need. Please consider a donation of food or money.

We will be cooking for and serving at Faith Mission on Sunday, June 20. Sign up on the Undercroft bulletin board.

#### For the Homeless . . . Millennium Goal #1

There will be a collection of contributions on Sunday, June 13, for The Licking County Coalition for Housing. This is the month they turn in their fund request in to the government, and the amount they receive is related to this fund drive. Your gift will be multiplied many times. Please consider writing a check and putting it in the collection plate.

**Looking ahead . . .** We will be having a clothing drive in July for children and women's clothing for New Beginnings Domestic Violence Shelter, and also for men's clothing. Collection will begin on July 18 and end on July 23. During that time, clothes may be taken to the Parish House office area.

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 next meeting of the year will be on June 9, 7:00 pm in the Parish House.

Jimi James, Chair

The Outreach Committee 614-204-0330 [jimi@ohheron.com](mailto:jimi@ohheron.com)

## Membership

We encourage members to submit an updated family photo for the church directory, which is available on-line. Please submit a digital photo to the church office at [www.stlukesgran@windstream.net](mailto:www.stlukesgran@windstream.net). To gain access to the directory, call the church office for instructions.

The Membership Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Parish House.

Patty Myers, Chair  
 The Membership Committee [pkmyers@adelphia.net](mailto:pkmyers@adelphia.net)

### We welcome our newest members . . .

The Portzline family are our newest members. Aaron is a journalist – if you are a sports fan, you might recognize his byline from reading *Columbus Dispatch* Blue Jackets articles. Kate is a travel coordinator with NetJets Aviation, and Grace, in the second grade, enjoys scouting, playing the piano and painting. Definitely family oriented, both mom and dad list Grace as their number one interest! Welcome to St. Luke's!

## Who We Are and How to Reach Us

### St. Luke's Church

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 Fax: 740-587-0277 website: [www.stlukesgranville.org](http://www.stlukesgranville.org)

### The Parish House

118 South Main Street Granville, OH, 43023  
 (Delivery address for packages)  
 Office Hours: M - F, 9:00 am - 12 noon

### Rector and Staff

**The Reverend Stephen H. Applegate, Rector**  
 On Sabbatical/Vacation through August 30.

**The Reverend Stephen G. Williamson III, Sabbatical Interim**  
 In case of a pastoral emergency, call 740-877-2084.

**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

### Wardens, Vestry, Clerk, Treasurer

<b>Senior Warden,</b> Mike Fisher	587-0506
<b>Junior Warden,</b> Mark Moller	587-5268
Vestry Clerk, Marsha Hanes	587-0780*
Treasurer, Dixon Miller	587-2838
Jim Kishler	323-1114
Bart Weiler	964-1955
Tom Weeks	323-1475
Ann Wood	522-0077
Brad Bateman	587-0256
Dagny Gelormo	587-7480
Steve Mighton	587-7658
Bill Wilken	587-7627
Susan Larimer	366-5404
Steve Layman	366-7448

\* Unlisted

Adult Education	Mark Moller	587-5268	Organ Committee	Marilyn Boldon	587-2937
Altar Guild	Linda Weeks	323-1475	Pastoral Care	Dagny Gelormo	587-7480
Acolyte Warden	Bill Hanes	587-0780*	Property, Building, & Grounds	Dick Baltisberger	344-6652
Choirs	Scott G. Hayes	614 570-1162	Stewardship	Bart Weiler	964-1955
Christian Education	Sally McClaskey	587-0506	Worship	Father Applegate	587-0167
Fellowship	Liz Barringer-Smith	364-0586*	Youth - High School	Father Fehr	513 312-2614
Finance	Mark Smith	364-0586*		Abigail Fisher	348-6874
Historic Preservation	Bill Wilken	587-7627			
Membership	Patty Myers	587-2796			
Outreach	Jimi James	614 204-0330			

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## Parish Family News

**We give thanks** for the life of Willard Joseph "Mac" McCurdy, father of Cindy Kikeli, and pray for God's comfort for his family and friends.

**Kudos to** Alex Wilson, who was named Boy Scout of the Year for 2010, a Licking District Youth Achievement Award given to one Boy Scout in the Licking District. Alex is Senior Patrol Leader of his troop.

**Did you know** that Tom Wortham and the Reverend John Kauffman were among the 200 people from the Dioceses of Southern Ohio and Ohio in attendance at Ohio Day at Washington National Cathedral on April 25, along with guest presiders, our own Bishop Thomas Breidenthal, and Bishop Mark Hollingsworth of the Diocese of Ohio?

**We rejoice with** Linda and Tom Weeks on the birth of a grandson, Marshall William Rhoten, on May 6. Marshall is the son of Laurel and Justin Rhoten of Beaufort, SC.

**Congratulations to those graduating from college and graduate school . . .** Thomas Bateman – Grinnell College; Evan LaNouette – Cornell University; Trevor LaNouette – DePauw University; Maria Leavell – The College of Wooster; Meghan McMahon – Ohio University; Danielle Myers – Centre College; Paige McCall – Guilford College; Hugh Potter – Grinnell College; and Peter Glenn-Applegate – the Moritz College of Law at The Ohio State University. Peter has just begun an internship in the Solicitor General's office (Washington, DC) prior to his starting as a law clerk for a federal appellate judge at the beginning of August.

**Congratulations** to Elizabeth Applegate, who recently received a dissertation grant from NYU, bringing her one step closer to completing her Ph.D. in French. She also received an Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching award this spring.