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About meetings on Sunday mornings

No meetings may be scheduled before 1:00 pm.

On Sunday mornings, the Parish House is dedicated to our Christian Education programs and the church is dedicated to worship and to our music programs.

**The Denison University
Chamber Singers**
*will perform their spring concert
at St. Luke's Church
on Sunday, April 20, at 3:00 pm.*

Entitled *The American Experience*, the concert will feature music of American composers and music connected to American history. Special guests in the concert will be our own Choristers Choir, formed and trained by St. Luke's Organist-Choirmaster, Scott G. Hayes. The concert will be accompanied by Stephen Trumbull, and conducted by Dr. Bonnie Borshay Sneed, Director of Choral Activities and Associate Professor of Music. All are welcome to attend and there is no admission charge.

Music at St. Luke's

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter,
April 27 at 5:00 pm
Rogation Sunday
Evensong for the Earth**

St. Luke's Choir and The Choristers Choir will sing a festive choral Evensong, featuring the music of Granville composer Reed Browning, as well as Hogan, Stanford, and Rutter. Jim Hildreth, organist at Broad Street Presbyterian Church in Columbus, will be the guest organist. As part of St. Luke's celebration of Rogation Sunday, a day on which we give thanks for the Earth, the offering will be used to support the environment.

From the Rector

In the last couple of weeks, I've had the joy of meeting with parents to talk about having their children baptized at St. Luke's. As a result of these conversations, there are now four baptisms on the calendar for the coming weeks – two of them in April and two in May. Holy Baptism is how a person begins life as a Christian person, so it is, on one hand, an intensely personal sacrament. A unique relationship is created between God and the individual person being baptized. But Holy Baptism is also a communal celebration – a time when those attending worship on that day have the chance to renew their own baptismal covenant.

Like most Episcopalians of my generation, I was baptized in the dark corner of a church on a Saturday afternoon. My parents and godparents were present, as well as a few family members . . . and the priest, of course. Otherwise, the congregation that gathered for worship every week at St. Augustine's Church, Ilion, New York, was nowhere to be seen. In those days, unless your child was being baptized, or you were a member of the child's family, or you were becoming a member of the child's "spiritual" family as a godfather or a godmother, you never saw Holy Baptism take place.

The version of the Book of Common Prayer we use now, the version authorized in 1979, changed all that. Although it isn't demanded, it is strongly encouraged that baptisms be performed on Sundays when the whole community comes together to celebrate the Holy Eucharist. The symbolism of this public celebration of Holy Baptism is unmistakable: when we make a person a member of the Body of Christ, we are saying it's best if the Body of Christ (meaning the church) is present. Because St. Luke's is growing, and because we have many young families who are part of the parish, we are blessed to be

able to celebrate baptisms frequently.

The role of all the baptized members of the community in helping the newly baptized members is clearly spelled out in the words used in the liturgy. "Will all you who witness these vows," the priest asks, "do all in your power to support this person in his (or her) life in Christ?" "We will," is our response, (although we could do a lot more to support each other in our lives in Christ at St. Luke's. Don't you agree? And think of the quality of our life as a faith community if we did!)

Then, as the liturgy proceeds, we all say the Apostles' Creed (the ancient statement of faith from the Jerusalem church) together, and we say, "I will, with God's help," – a liturgical "YES" to five key questions that identify qualities and acts that mark the life of a practicing Christian:

Attending church

– "Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?"

Trying your best not to sin, and amending your life when you do

– "Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?"

Sharing your faith by what you say and how you act

– "Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?"

Living a life of humble service to everyone

– "Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?"

Striving to establish justice for all and being peacemakers

– "Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?"

Then the baptism takes place, followed by these words of welcome to the newly baptized, "We receive you into the household of God, confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood." If it sounds like a big deal, it is. In fact, I would argue that it is the most important thing that happens to any of us in our entire lives.

I hope that you will be in church during one of the upcoming celebrations of Holy Baptism. Whether you can be present in person or only in spirit, say a prayer for Makayla Meister (April 6, 11:15); Nolan Schneider (April 13, 9:15); Alexander Schirmer (May 4, 9:15); and Penny and Nona Hunter (May 25, 10:00 am), and be prepared to support these children in their lives in Christ. They'll be part of us. We'll be part of them. And we'll all - together - be members of the Body of Christ.

Blessings,

Stephen Applegate

Pulse of the Parish

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

At its March 11, 2008 meeting, the Vestry . . .

Filled out the list of Vestry members who will serve as liaisons to parish committees. Here's who will serve where:

- Christian Education: Mike Fisher
- Fellowship: Harriett Stone
- Finance: Mark Smith, Jean Schelhorn
- Historic Preservation: Tom Weeks
- Membership: Nancy Taggart-Bowers
- Outreach: Jimi James, Jean Schelhorn, Jim Kishler
- Property, Building & Grounds: Mike Fisher
- Stewardship: Keith Myers
- Worship: Ann Wood

In addition, three tasks that the Vestry named as its priorities for the coming year also have established leadership. Pat Ford will lead the potential major fundraising effort. Harriett Stone will oversee the review of current program offerings, and Nancy Taggart-Bowers will help marshal the troops to attract, welcome, and integrate new members.

- Discussed the selection of Diocesan Convention delegates to represent the parish at the annual convention held in November. Nancy Taggart-Bowers agreed to contact the previous year's delegates (Harriett Stone, Tom and Linda Weeks, and Janet White) and alternates (Zoe Latimer and Diana Wilson) to learn if they wish to serve again. There was discussion about staggered terms, so that the parish would always have two delegates with experience attending Convention.
- Heard that Dixon Miller, the parish's legal counsel, had

contacted the Ohio Department of Taxation for clarification of its latest recommendation about the property tax status of the Parish House. The recommendation states clearly that the building is not taxable property and that a rebate is due to St. Luke's for taxes already paid, but did not satisfactorily address how the taxability of the property would be affected now that we have entered into a \$1 per year ground lease with the Village.

- Received reports about each of the three initiatives identified at the Vestry retreat. Harriett Stone noted that she has recruited a team to assist her in evaluating the parish program offerings: Bart Weiler, Mark Moller and Ashlin Caravana. Jean Schelhorn will consult from time to time with the team based on her long relationship with the parish.
- Reviewed a calendar of Outreach events from Jimi James, chair of the committee.
- Inspected the floor refinishing job in the entrance and hallway of the Parish House.
- Cheered Keith Myers' Stewardship report that pledges to date exceed the budgeted amount of \$268,000.

Welcomed the news from the Membership Committee that the parish Pictorial Directory is nearing completion.

Complete minutes are available by request to the clerk.

Other news of note . . .

e-giving is available at St. Luke's! Parishioners and other donors are able to access the option of giving by credit card, debit card, or direct transfers from checking or savings accounts. There's no requirement to use this service – it is offered as an option to people who prefer to make their contributions online or through regular bank account deductions. Go to the Web site and click on **Contribute to St. Luke's**, or contact Marsha Hanes at the Parish Office for details.

The table below shows St. Luke's operating income and expenses through February 29, 2008. Please note, all negative numbers are shown in parentheses.

Finances



	Paid in			YTD
	'07	Jan	Feb	2008
Income	29,048	21,234	17,039	67,321
Expense	0	29,066	22,044	51,110
Net	29,048		(7,832)	(5,005) 16,211

As in previous years, prepayment of 2008 pledges in 2007 improved cash flow. Although expenses exceeded income for February 2008, the negative amount is offset by the prepaid pledges.

Many thanks for all your gifts, both financial and non-financial.

Marsha Otterstedt, CPA
Co-Financial Administrator
for St. Luke's Financial Team

Adult Education Opportunities

A Retreat for All Women of St. Luke's
Friday (supper) April 25 through
Sunday (lunch) April 27 at the
Episcopal Community
of the Transfiguration,
just north of Cincinnati

This will be a guided retreat by the Rev. Susan Lehman, a retired priest of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, formerly the chaplain of Sweet Briar College in Virginia. There will be time for reflection and the luxury of space apart from your hectic schedule. The grounds of the convent are a lovely setting, especially at this time of year, as the trees, first flowers, and early wild flowers are budding out - a place to enjoy a little time alone with God wrapped in the beauty of God's creation. You will find this a time of healing and growing. The cost is \$100 for the meals and two nights' lodging in Bethany House on the convent grounds, and a small honorarium for Susan Lehman. The housing accommodations limit us to 15 women. Make your reservation by calling the church office or Nancy Taggart-Bowers at 740-689-9510.

Coffee: Grounds for Discussion is an adult education program. It meets each Sunday, 10:15 - 11:00 am, in the main room of the Undercroft. On Sunday, March 30, Father Applegate will kick off a series about several of the different ministries we're doing here at St. Luke's.

The Potluck & Bible Study will meet April 13 and 27, 6:00 pm, in the Parish House. The group is viewing and discussing a videotape course on the New Testament by Bart D. Ehrman, Ph.D., Bowman and Gordon Gray Professor of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. All are welcome to join in the study at any time. Call Tracee Karaffa, 587-0632, for information.

The Women's Gathering meets on the second Saturday of the month, 8:30 am, in the Undercroft, for breakfast and conversation, followed at 9:00 am, by a program. This group is open to ALL the women of St. Luke's and their friends! Lively discussions are a matter of course and you're sure to leave with a smile on your face and warmth in your heart! If you have any questions about the Women's Gathering, or if you have a topic you'd like to discuss, please contact Janet White, 323-3231.

The Men's Gathering meets on the third Saturday morning of each month at 9:00 am, in the Undercroft. Breakfast will be provided by one of the members of the group, and a Bible study will follow. Questions? Contact Glen Brich, 587-3848.

Monthly 12 Step/Centering Prayer Gathering - Saturday, April 5

Centering Prayer is a simple method of prayer rooted in ancient Christian contemplative practice that opens us to God's presence and divine healing. Many folks who participate in 12 Step recovery programs find striking parallels between the process of Centering Prayer and the process initiated in the 12 Steps -- the process of human and spiritual transformation. If you are in recovery - in AA, Al-Anon or other 12 step programs - we invite you to join us on the first Saturday of each month from 10:00 - 11:00 am at St Luke's (in the church). Each month we'll share in a 20 minute "sit" and a short discussion of the 11th step (i.e., how we "seek through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God..."). If you have questions, please contact Mary Tuominen at 587-3038.

Children's Education

On Palm Sunday, five young members from St. Luke's celebrated completion of the Children's Communion class. Ali Evans, Peter Ford, Sophie Gelormo, Sophia Tidwell, and Zoe Smith were recognized during the Family of God service for their participation. They learned why we remember Jesus during Holy Communion, and what the bread and wine represent. They also had a backstage tour of the altar and sacristy to learn what Father Applegate does during the Eucharist.

There is a 1700 pound baby on the way! Last fall, the children's education classes took on their own stewardship project after learning about Heifer International. This organization provides animals to families in developing countries as way to help them provide for themselves. Our goal was to raise \$250 for the purchase of a water buffalo. In Filipino villages, water buffalo provide draft power for planting, milk for protein and manure for fertilizer and

fuel. Each week, the children contributed coins and dollars and watched their contributions grow. They also collected aluminum cans, which Dagny Gelormo took to the recycling center to exchange for cash. The Middle School students sold Christmas ornaments to contribute to the effort. In the end, it took four months to raise the money to send to Heifer International.

But we're not done yet! The children have decided to continue collecting cans as part of their stewardship effort. In April, they will vote on which animal project to support next. They will also issue a challenge to the adults of the parish to meet their original goal and match the donation of a water buffalo to Heifer. Watch for details in the Sunday service leaflet and midweek email updates!

Sally McClaskey
 Director of Christian Education

Membership

Church Directory

Thank you to all who submitted a photo for the new directory. If we did not receive a photo from you or your family in time for the initial printing, it's not too late! Please submit one to the church office and we will add it to the directory. Your picture will run with the next printing.

If you submitted a hard copy of a photograph, we are ready to return it to you. All the photographs will be in an envelope in the church office.

We will be happy to provide you with a hard copy of the directory if you do not have Internet access at home or are not comfortable printing a copy of your own.

For those members who choose to view and print the directory on-line, we will provide you with a secure password that will be required to access the directory on the church Web site. The password will be the same for all members

and will prevent non-members from accessing the directory which will contain names, addresses, and telephone numbers. Please watch for a mailing to be sent in April with that password.

Denison care packages - Thank you to the Middle School Youth Group for assisting our Committee by assembling care packages for the Denison students. With their help, we were able to provide over 90 grateful students with care packages to get them through their final exams in December. We are looking forward to working with the Youth Group again in the spring on this project.

The Membership Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 2, at 7:00 pm, in the Parish House.

Patty Myers, Chair
The Membership Committee

Introducing a few of our newest members . . .

We are so pleased to welcome our newest member, **George Seitz**. George, along with brothers Tom and William and sister, Florence (Lucy), grew up at St. Luke's when their father, the Rev. Dr. William C. Seitz was rector, April 1934 through November 10, 1947. Living "just up the road" in Knox County, George and wife Dorothy, a member of Greer Wesleyan Church, are faithful eight o'clockers with a special affinity for Rite One. A retired service man – Deck Officer, US Merchant Marine- WWII, US Army, National Guard – George was a substitute teacher and offered assistance to the public schools with special needs children. No stranger to lay ministry, he sang in the choir, served as an acolyte, usher, teacher, bell ringer, Vestry member, lay reader and Eucharistic Visitor. He attended both Kenyon College and The Ohio State University. His hobbies include western riding, hunting, kayaking and sail boating. Dorothy is a retired school bus driver, and enjoys bird watching, gardening, and bowling.

As a special note, the Historic Preservation Committee is grateful to George for identifying his family members pictured in a 1941 post card in the church archives from Dr. Seitz's tenure here.

Linda Weiler has joined us. If the name sounds familiar, she is the mother of Vestry member, Bart Weiler. A Circleville, Ohio native, Linda graduated from Franklin University and is an Administrative Assistant for the Weiler Financial Group. She is Secretary/Treasurer for the Licking County Cattlemen's Association, and is a trustee for Commercial & Farm Land in Central Ohio. Snow skiing, bicycling, golf and gardening are among her many interests, along with dogs, Butterscotch and Brewster.

Fellowship

23. Please contact Liz Barringer-Smith at 364-0586 or e-mail her at doodlesmith@windstream.net or Jill LaNouette at 587-3731 or e-mail her at jilanouette@adelphia.net, or call the church office if you would like to help by covering one of these Sundays, or if you are willing to assist someone who is already signed up.

The Needlers will meet Wednesday, April 9, 7:00 pm, in the Parish House.

Call Yvette Harklau, 587-3011, for more information. If you stitch, this is the group for you!

Anyone interested in serving on the Fellowship Committee is invited to join us. If you have questions, call me at 587-2327.

Peace,
Margo Santoni, Chair
The Fellowship Committee

Coffee Hour Needs You! If you are not already scheduled for a Coffee Hour this year, or are willing to do another, we have the following dates available: August 31 and November

April Outreach. . . Opportunities to Serve

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

Thanks to all who supported the **Food Pantry Network** in March by bringing in extra food. “The Day of Change” netted \$210.15 for the Network, as we noted the shift to Daylight Savings Time. Thanks also to those who cooked, baked or served for the **Faith Mission Dinner**.

This Month’s Opportunities

For the hungry...

The Food Pantry items for April are canned fruit, juice, coffee and tea. Just drop them in the basket on the way into church and see them stack up in the Pine Room window. If you would rather give money, write a check to St. Luke’s Church and on the memo line, write Food Pantry Network. Monetary donations allow the Network to purchase food at significant savings. Check the bulletin board to see a chart that compares 1997 with 2006 and 2007. The requests have quadrupled.

For the homeless... from Bruce Westall

Home Again: Cheap Date – Valuable Cause

Who needs an economic stimulus package? Granville has St. Luke’s. Last year’s benefit for the homeless, *Welcome Home*, raised nearly \$3,000 for a great cause and enabled **Brews Café** to enjoy its most profitable night ever.

Records are set to be broken, though, and this year’s event, *Home Again*, has that promise about it. St. Luke’s house band, *Heavens to Betsy*, featuring our own Stephen and Terry Applegate, returns to its roots. A good time awaits on the third floor of **Brews**, Friday, April 11, 8 o’clock at night...all the way until 2 o’clock in the morning; 4 bands for 10 bucks at the door.

Show up early for music that makes you smile. Stay late for an evening of laughter.

For the injured...

Attend a dinner to benefit the Kenya Red Cross (KRC). Cost is \$75 per person, with all proceeds going to KRC. It will be held at the Asian Cuisine at 8008 North High in Columbus on April 4, 7:00 pm. Contact Sandra at 614 406-8973 for tickets.

For the Children...

Chili for Children 2008 Chili Cook-off... Hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Newark, this fundraiser benefits Licking County’s own Camp O’Bannon and the children of Healing Art Missions’ Clinic in Dumay, Haiti. See the bulletin board in the Undercroft for details of this event, which takes place at St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, 67 N. 5th Street, Newark. There is no pre-registration for chili entries and no fee to enter. Chili entries should arrive at 4:30 pm; eating and judging begin at 5:15 pm. All are invited for a free-will donation.

Mark your calendar... *Art from the Heart*, Healing Art Missions’ Annual Silent Auction of Haitian Art, will take place in the Parish House on Saturday and Sunday, May 3 and 4. Look for flyers with detailed information. Sponsored by St. Luke’s Church, this fundraiser benefits Healing Art Missions’ ministries in Haiti, among them, the Bethel School and the Bethel Clinic of Dumay, including the HIV treatment program started in 2004, and a clean water project in Demier.

The Outreach Committee meets the 2nd Wednesday of even numbered months in the Undercroft at 7:00 pm. Please join us on April 9.

Jimi James, Chair

The Outreach Committee

Parish House Community Open House

April 13, 2008 - 12:30-2:30 pm

Episcopal Parish House

**Invite your friends to join us
as we celebrate the acquisition
of this historic building.
The Historic Preservation Committee
will have displays,
and refreshments will be served.**

The Village Hall
118 South Main Street
Granville, Ohio
Edgar Schauk, Contractor
Dutch Renaissance Revival

Horace's drawing

Drawing by Horace King, from
Granville Massachusetts to Ohio
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The Watchman Program - a new ministry in our community at St. Luke's!

Melissa DeHart is the new Watchman Representative between Hospice of Central Ohio and St. Luke's. Her role as a Watchman Volunteer is to be advised by Fr. Applegate of the end-of-life and bereavement needs of the members and friends of St. Luke's, and then, if they wish, to connect with these members or friends to offer the services of Hospice of Central Ohio. Hospice provides comfort care for the end-of-life, whether for a child or adult, and serves for any terminal illness, not exclusive to cancer.

Melissa will also be aware of the volunteer needs of Hospice and will keep members of St. Luke's informed of ways they may be of help to Hospice. Information about Hospice and many of its services is posted on the bulletin board in the Undercroft. If Melissa can be of any service as a Hospice liaison to you, your families, or any of your friends, please contact her at 504-3199 (cell) or 587-2470 (home).

Who We Are and How to Reach Us

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The Parish House

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Rector and Staff

The Reverend Stephen H. Applegate, Rector

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

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 Vicky Wieber, Sexton

Wardens, Vestry, Clerk, Treasurer

Senior Warden , Pat Ford	587-3179 (unlisted)
Junior Warden , Mike Fisher	587-0506
Vestry Clerk, Marsha Hanes	587-0780 (unlisted)
Treasurer, Dixon Miller	587-2838
Jimi James	614 204-0330
Keith Myers	587-2796
Jean Schelhorn	587-4161
Mark Smith	364-0586
Harriett Stone	587-4749
Nancy Taggart-Bowers	740 689-9510
Jim Kishler	323-1114
Bart Weiler	964-1955
Tom Weeks	323-1475
Ann Wood	522-0077

Altar Guild	Evie Stark	587-0528
Acolyte Warden	Bill Hanes	587-0780
Choirs	Scott G. Hayes	614 570-1162
Christian Education	Sally McClaskey	587-0506
Fellowship	Margo Santoni	587-2327
Finance	Mark Smith	364 0586
Groundskeeper	Lee Biciunas	587-4236
Historic Preservation Convenors	Marsha Hanes	587-0780
	Marilyn Boldon	587-2937

Worship Ministry Scheduling	Bill & Marsha Hanes	587-0780
Membership	Patty Myers	587-2796
Outreach	Jimi James	614 204-0330
Organ Committee	Marilyn Boldon	587-2937
Property, Building, & Grounds	Dick Baltisberger	344-6652
Stewardship	Ginny Sharkey	587-3478
Strategic Planning	Jane Karaffa	587-0673
Worship	Father Applegate	587-0167
Youth - High School	Father Applegate	587-0167
Youth - Middle School	Laura Moller	587-5268

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Parish Family News

We give thanks for the life of James Alexander Gresick of St. Louis, Missouri, nephew of Fred and Jane Karaffa, and we pray for God's comfort for his family and friends.

Congratulations and best wishes to Susan Brattain, who has announced her retirement as Director of Music at First Presbyterian Church, Granville. Susan's last Sunday will be July 27.

We welcomed to God's family in Holy Baptism, Rori Barker, daughter of Bob and Angela Barker, and sister of Jessica, Bo, and Anthony Pope, and Elle and Rose Barker. Rori was baptized on March 2.

Thanks to Doug Boldon, Pat Ford, Dick Baltisberger, Russ Potter, Ruth Potter, and Joe Charles for a delicious Palm Sunday breakfast.

Please call or email the church office if members of your family are graduating or receiving degrees in May or June.

We rejoice with Carole Carlisle on the birth of a grandson, Carson Robert Ingalsbe, son of Aaron and Jessica Ingalsbe, and brother of Alexa. Carson was born on February 14 in Shawnee Mission, Kansas.

A Note from Drew Neel...

Dear Members of St. Luke's,

It has been longer than it should have been in my writing this letter. The contributions have not gone unnoticed. Your generosity is overwhelming and I sincerely thank each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart. I am doing well, and have another round of chemotherapy to go through, leading up to a bone marrow transplant. Hopefully, that will be successful, with your prayers. This is a healing church. Again, thanks to all of you for your thoughts and prayers. Keep wishing good things, and I'll prevail in this fight!

*With love,
Drew*