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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.

From the Rector

Heart Stimulus

On April 14, hoping to beat tax day rush at the Post Office, I mailed Terry's and my tax returns to the federal and state tax authorities. There was a line of people waiting for the next available postal worker, but it was only three or four people long. Everyone was doing the same thing I was there to do. I don't know what the lines were like at the Granville Post Office on April 15. I wasn't the least bit interested in finding out. It was worth paying what I owed a day early so I wouldn't have to wait in a long line to mail the envelopes with our tax forms to Kansas City and Columbus.

Like many people, Terry and I use a tax software program to help us prepare our taxes each year. It costs a little money, but it's a lot simpler to answer the user-friendly interview questions than it is to try to understand the instructions that come with the 1040. Plus, the tax software can even be entertaining. Little videos are available as part of the software where a knowledgeable human being explains terms like "capital gains" or "alternative minimum tax." I think it takes me as long as it does to finish my taxes because I watch every one of the videos available.

This year's version of the software reminded me, as I moved through the interview questions, that people who file federal income tax returns this year may be eligible for an 'economic stimulus' check. Starting this month (May), the U.S. Treasury will begin sending economic stimulus payments to more than 130 million households. To receive a payment, taxpayers must have a valid Social Security number, \$3,000 of income and file a 2007 federal tax return. The IRS will take care of the rest. Eligible people will receive up to \$600 (\$1,200 for married couples), and parents will receive an additional \$300 for each eligible child younger than 17.

My brother Bob, an attorney who does a fair amount of tax work in his practice, told me that he was swamped by his senior citizen clients this year. Millions of retirees, disabled veterans and low-wage workers are usually exempt from filing a tax return, but they had to do so in order to receive a stimulus payment. So Bob's office did returns for people who haven't filed for years.

The purpose of these checks is, of course, to stimulate the sluggish economy and, perhaps, to keep the economy from sliding into a recession. Congress passed the legislation to authorize the payments, and President Bush promptly signed the bill. It was, as politicians like to say, "a bipartisan effort."

Here's my question, though: *What will you do with your 'economic stimulus' check?*

If you haven't decided what you will do with the money, the folks over at **Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation** have a unique idea. It's such a good idea, that I'm going to steal it from them and ask you the question they suggest we all ask ourselves – *Why not give it away?*

That's what I said: Consider *giving away* all or part of the 'economic stimulus' check you receive. Now, let me hasten to say that if you were planning to spend the money on something you really need, like food, or clothing, or shelter, please do NOT give it away. By all means, spend it on what you need. The fact is, however, that most of us have our needs met.

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From the Rector, cont'd.

We've moved beyond our *needs* to our *wants*. So, as is often the case when it comes to money, our receiving an 'economic stimulus' check becomes a spiritual issue.

We can, of course, spend the money we receive on something we want. But I think most of us can find more creative and Christ-centered uses for all or some of the money we may be receiving this month. All we need to do is to pick some worthy cause or organization and send our money – our 'economic stimulus' money – to it. Here are a few local ideas:

The Food Pantry Network of Licking County

St. Luke's had a key role in starting this organization, and it has grown to become the main source of emergency food for people all over Licking County who are poor. Its largest support comes from the local community through cash donations and donated food. There are 32 member pantries and social service agencies that distribute food or provide on-site feeding programs for the needy. The vast majority who work to distribute food are volunteers.

"I was hungry and you fed me."

Matthew 25:35

The Licking County Jail Ministry

The Licking County Jail Ministry, supported by area churches including St. Luke's, has been operating in

the Licking County Justice Center since it opened in the 1980s. The ministry is comprised of one pastor, Scott Hayes, (himself a former inmate) and many volunteers. Sheriff Randy Thorp views the Jail Ministry as not only a worthwhile project, but as one of the top programs in the state.

"I was in prison and you visited me."

Matthew 25:36

The Community Health Clinic

The CHC, located in Newark, is a medical clinic for the low income, uninsured residents of Licking County. Over 30 physicians, nurses and auxiliary volunteers staff the clinic.

"I was sick and you took care of me."

Matthew 25:36

Of course, I would be remiss (especially since I stole the idea of giving away the stimulus dollars from them) if I did not mention **Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation**.

This is an Episcopal grassroots movement of collaboration to seek and serve Christ in the extreme poor around the world. They've named their campaign "Give It 4 Good" <http://www.e4gr.org/giveit4good.html> Their current work attempts to follow Christ's call through the fulfillment of the Millennium Development Goals.

If you wish to support any of these organizations, you can simply deposit your 'economic stimulus' check, and write a check to St. Luke's identifying

the organization in the memo line of your check. We track contributions to various organizations and will simply pass on your contribution to the charity you've designated.

Or, instead of any of these ideas, you may prefer to help a cause nearer and dearer to you – your college, the hospice that helped a dying parent or friend, a museum or symphony that brings beauty into your life and the lives of others.

Terry and I plan to tithe our 'economic stimulus' check to St. Luke's and will earmark it to help reduce the debt incurred when we purchased the Parish House from the Village of Granville. We know that a \$180 contribution will only make a small dent in the over \$400,000 St. Luke's owes on the building, but it will help. And the sooner we pay off that debt, the sooner we can put the money the church is using for debt service to some other work in Christ's Name.

Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." When it comes to the check you may be receiving this month, where will your 'economic stimulus' money be locating your heart? As your priest and pastor, I hope that your heart will be situated in a place of compassion rather than consumption.

Blessings,

Stephen Applegate

Pulse of the Parish

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

At its April 8, 2008 meeting the Vestry . . .

- Designated Healing Art Missions' *Art from the Heart Silent Auction of Haitian Art* as a parish-sponsored event. This action simplifies the use of the Parish House by Healing Art Missions for their May 3 & 4 silent auction fundraiser. Vestry action is required under the parish's Building Use Policy.
- Received a report from the Pastoral Care Task Force, a group of parishioners including Yvette Harklau, Rob Harklau, Linda Dragonette, Mary Kishler, Zoe Latimer, Harriett Stone (vestry liaison), Linda Weeks, and the Rev. Jack Bowers (consultant) who have been meeting under Ann Wood's leadership to plan the future of pastoral care at St. Luke's. Recognizing that the growth of the parish means that the baptismal ministry of parishioners is needed to meet the church's pastoral care needs, the Task Force recommended the establishment of a permanent Pastoral Care Committee that can actualize and oversee this work. Ann Wood has agreed to chair this committee, and many members of the Task Force have agreed to serve. Their work will begin with the creation of a purpose statement for the committee that will outline its ongoing ministry.
- Followed up on the three initiatives determined by the Vestry to be priorities at its recent annual retreat:

Capital Campaign – Pat Ford will convene a small group to interview four firms, one of which will be selected, with Vestry approval, to assist St. Luke's in raising funds for major projects.

Program review – Harriett Stone has recruited a team to assist her in evaluating the church's present programs. To be used as a starting point, the team is developing a set of questions for committee chairs.

Membership – Nancy Taggart-Bowers reported that the members of the Membership Committee have agreed to assist with this initiative. The group will be looking at the creation of a formal process by which members are not only welcomed but integrated into the life of the parish.

- Heard the Rector report on a variety of matters, including Holy Week & Easter, current average Sunday attendance (that number is 197 total average attendance at the four Sunday services), plans for the Inquirer's Classes for adults and youth, and the upcoming Parish House Open House (held on Sunday, April 13).
- In the absence of Junior Warden Mike Fisher, Marsha Hanes (Vestry Clerk), updated the Vestry on the survey Mike has been doing regarding the voting eligibility rules for Annual Meetings. Mike reported that he had contacted 77 parishes by email. Of the responses he has received thus far, two-thirds have no "residency" requirement, while one-third of the parishes responding require some length of time as a member before one is eligible to vote at a parish meeting, six months being the shortest period. Marsha also presented the March and April Property, Building, and Grounds Committee reports.

(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 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. Contact Marsha Hanes at the Parish Office for details.

Finances

The table below shows St. Luke's operating income and expenses through March 31, 2008. Please note, all negative numbers are shown in parentheses.

	Paid in '07	Jan	Feb	YTD Mar 2008	2008
Income	29,048	21,234	17,039	21,180	88,501
Expense	0	29,066	22,044	26,727	77,837
Net	29,048	(7,832)	(5,005)	(5,547)	10,664

Prepayment of 2008 pledges in 2007 improved cash flow. Although expenses exceeded income for March 2008, the negative amount is offset by the prepaid pledges. **Please make every effort to keep pledge payments current so that we do not deplete our cash balance in the coming months.**



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

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. Through May 18, Father Applegate will continue a series on discerning God's will for our lives.

The Potluck & Bible Study will meet May 11 & 18, 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.

Adult Inquirer's Class meets Sundays, May 4 & 18 in the Undercroft at 6:00 pm.

Monthly 12 Step/Centering Prayer Gathering - Saturday, May 3

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

Conclusion of the Program Year

The children's education program will conclude for 2007-08 on May 18, with a breakfast celebration. All children and teachers will be recognized during the 9:15 am service. A breakfast will follow the service, beginning at 10:15 am upstairs in the Parish House. Each family is asked to bring a breakfast side dish to share; the main course will be supplied.

Summer Education for Children

Children's education will look a bit different during the summer. Children's Church, a half-hour session in the Undercroft will take place during the sermon time of the 10 am service. We need volunteers for each of the summer Sundays. All materials are provided to give children in preschool through fourth grade a kid-sized version of the Gospel lesson. Children's church will take place only on the Sundays on which someone volunteers. Please call Sally McClaskey, 587-0506, to volunteer.

The Heifer Project Initiative Continues . . .

It took four months of saving pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters and collecting a mountain of aluminum cans, but the children of St. Luke's reached their stewardship goal! Last month, with \$250 collected, the children were able to purchase a water buffalo to benefit a needy family through

Heifer International. And they are not done yet! The children have decided to challenge the adults at St. Luke's to match their donation, so that two water buffalos will be purchased by our parish. An anonymous donor has contributed \$100 to jump start the drive. Please make your contribution and mark it to the "Heifer Project." In addition, the upper grades, under the leadership of teachers Dagny Gelormo, Gretchen Hollingsworth, and Cathy Evans, have decided to continue collecting coins and cans in order to benefit another yet-to-be-decided organization. Please continue to save cans and bring them to church each week to support their effort.

Granville's Ecumenical Vacation Bible School

This wonderful experience for children, age 4 by September 30 - Grade 6, will take place June 9 - 13. In collaboration with St. Luke's, First Presbyterian, and First Baptist Churches, The Church of St. Edward the Confessor is the host church this year for this exciting week. Blue registration forms, including volunteer opportunities, are on the information tables. **Register by June 1 for the best rates.**

Youth Inquirer's Class meets Saturdays, May 3 in the Undercroft, and 10, & 17 in the Parish House at 11:00 am.

Sally McClaskey
Director of Christian Education

Membership

Church Directory:

We hope all of you have had the opportunity to pick up a copy of the new church directory from the church or the Parish House. It was great fun assembling this directory using the personal photos each of you submitted. If you did not make it into the first edition, you can still e-mail a photo to the church office (www.stlukesgran@alltel.net). The beauty of having the directory on-line is that it can be continually updated. In the near future, the directory will be accessible from the church website so those of you who wish may print a copy (even a colored one!) of your own. Prior to its being available on-line, we will mail each parishioner a secure password which you will need to use to access the directory from our website.

Denison care packages:

Thank you again to the Middle School Youth Group for assisting our committee in assembling care packages for the Denison students. With their help we were able to provide over 90 students with care packages to get them

through final exams and send them home for the summer with our blessings.

New Member Recognition:

We would again like to welcome the following new and returning members who were recognized at the services on April 20: Clarke and Sara Jean Wilhelm; Melissa (Mel) DeHart; Linda Weiler; George Seitz (and wife, Dorothy, who is a member of another church but attends St. Luke's with George); Bob and Angela Barker, Jessica, Bo, and Anthony Pope, and Elle, Rose, and Rori Barker; Tym Tyler, his fiancée Linda Mason, and Tym's daughters Claire and Sarah.

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

Introducing a few of our newest members . . .

Tym Tyler and Lisa Mason have joined us along with Tym's daughters, fourth grader, Sarah, and seventh grader, Claire. If Tym's name seems familiar, many in Granville know him as the organizer of both the *Granville Grand Prix Bicycle Race* and the *Granville Triathlon*. It is no surprise that Tym and Lisa, who will be married at St. Luke's in June, share a love of bicycling. Tym, who holds a master of fine arts from The Ohio State University, has a sports promotions business. Lisa, who earned her masters in education, also at The Ohio State University, works in customer service for US Airways. Welcome to St. Luke's!

Fellowship

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 23. Please contact Liz Barringer-Smith (doodlesmith@windstream.net or 364-0586) or Jill LaNouette (jilanouette@adelphia.net, or 587-3731). You may also call the church office if you would like to help or to assist someone who is already signed up.

The Needlers will meet Wednesday, May 7, 7:00 pm, in the Parish House. Call Yvette Harklau, 587-3011, for more information. If you stitch, this is the group for you!

Ladies' Night Out will be Friday, May 9, 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm at the home of Mary Raysa and Jimi James. The rains are gone, the dogwoods are in bloom, the birds have returned... and so must we. It is time to eat a "burger" (ham or turkey) on the deck and whatever you bring to go with it. Then settle in for some catch-up chatting. Fill a car and travel over to 257 James Road in Gahanna. It is just up 161 and 62. We can send a map or just Map Quest it. Call (614) 537-3972 or (614) 204-0330, or e-mail mary@theraysacompany.com or jimi@ohheron.com to let us know that you are coming.

Friday Feeders will convene again on May 2, at Mauger's Restaurant in Lancaster at 7:15 pm. Mauger's is famous as an excellent seafood restaurant; the original restaurant closed for a time, but has re-opened under new ownership. The chef, at one time, was Les Wexner's personal chef, and the food is very good. For those who do not care for seafood, there is an ample selection of non-seafood items.

The drive to Lancaster is lovely at this time of year and we should have a good time. Anyone needing transportation or directions should contact Cherie Holland either by phone at 587-0091, or by e-mail at hollicherie@roadrunner.com.

May 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 via the *Day of Change* (\$210), *Operation Feed* (\$720), *Palm Sunday Breakfast* (\$170), and the foods which we brought to church on Sunday mornings. The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper donations amounted to \$353 for **Faith Mission**. **Healing Art Missions** received a \$100 donation, and the **Community Health Clinic** received \$56.84.

THIS MONTH'S OPPORTUNITIES

For the hungry...

- **The Food Pantry Network** items this month are personal care items, toilet paper, and tissues. Just drop them in the basket on your way into church and see them stack up on the Pine Room window sill. If you would rather donate cash, write a check to St. Luke's Church and write "Food Pantry Network" on the memo line. The Network is able to purchase more food per dollar due to their discount.

For those in need of education, medical care and clean water...

- **Healing Art Missions** will have its annual **Art from the Heart** Silent Auction of Haitian Art on 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. Stop by and view/purchase the art and craft items on sale, and stop to listen to the music. This is a major fund raiser for much-needed services to the people of Haiti. Call Tracee Karaffa at 587 0632, or email her at healingartmissions@msn.com, to volunteer to help.

The Outreach Committee meets in the Undercroft at 7:00 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of even numbered months. Please join us on June 11.

Jimi James, Chair
The Outreach Committee

Inside the Parish

The Historic Preservation Committee's History Writing Program expands, as Al Huggins continues to compile information from our archive into written documents. If you are willing to read, edit, comment, change, or add stories or personal information about family or other connections, please call the church office.

Copies of the Parish Prayer List are on the glass case at the back of the church. At the Wednesday Eucharist and Healing Rite at 12:05 pm, each person is prayed for by name, and, in their daily intercessions, Father Applegate and others include those whose names are on the list. Father Applegate opens and closes the church with prayer each weekday morning and evening. If you have someone you would prefer not be included in the Parish Prayer List, call Father Applegate, and he will include that person in his daily intercessions. *Please call the church office when someone whose name you have submitted is no longer in need of our prayers.*

Visit our web-site at healingartmissions.org for a comprehensive description of our organization.

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.

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	Outreach	Jimi James	614 204-0330
Acolyte Warden	Bill Hanes	587-0780	Organ Committee	Marilyn Boldon	587-2937
Choirs	Scott G. Hayes	614 570-1162	Pastoral Care	Ann Wood	522-0077
Christian Education	Sally McClaskey	587-0506	Property, Building, & Grounds	Dick Baltisberger	344-6652
Fellowship			Stewardship	Ginny Sharkey	587-3478
Finance	Mark Smith	364 0586	Strategic Planning	Jane Karaffa	587-0673
Groundskeeper	Lee Biciunas	587-4236	Worship	Father Applegate	587-0167
Historic Preservation Convenors	Marsha Hanes	587-0780	Youth - High School	Father Applegate	587-0167
	Marilyn Boldon	587-2937	Youth - Middle School	Laura Moller	587-5268
Membership	Patty Myers	587-2796	Worship Ministry Scheduling	Bill & Marsha Hanes	587-0780

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Parish Family News

Kudos to the Denison University Chamber Singers and to Dr. Bonnie Borshay Sneed, Denison's Director of Choral Activities, for a most enjoyable spring concert at St. Luke's Church on April 20. We are especially proud of our Choristers Choir, trained by Organist-Choirmaster Scott Hayes, for their performance in this concert.

Did you know that St. Luke's Choir and the Choristers Choir recorded a CD of the music for the *Evensong for the Earth* in Swasey Chapel on Sunday evening, April 20? The Evensong is scheduled at St. Luke's on Rogation Sunday, April 27, at 5:00 pm. Orders for the CD will be taken in the near future.

Good wishes and Godspeed to Janice Miller who has sold her Newark home and is moving to New Jersey.

We welcomed to God's family in Holy Baptism, Makayla Meister, daughter of Drew and Rachel Meister and brother of Steele; and Nolan Schneider, son of Brad and Amanda Schneider, and brother of Ella.

Many thanks to Margo Santoni, long-time chair of the Fellowship Committee, who has decided to retire from that position.

Congratulations to Cindy Kikeli, who will be honored on May 14 by Licking Memorial Hospital for 40 years of service. Cindy is a surgical nurse, and is known for her professional competence and calming presence.

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

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The office will be closed on Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day.