



The Steeple

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DISCIPLESHIP FORUM

Sunday, 9:15am, Metcalf Hall

Each Sunday in April, the Discipleship Forum addressed the issues of illegal immigration from a Christian perspective. Resource persons have provided information to help us explore options concerning illegal immigration in general, HB 1804 and more in particular, implications for the people involved and possible Christian responses.



This Sunday, May 4, there will be an open discussion of what we have learned in recent weeks about illegal immigration. We will continue to explore possible Christian responses to these difficult issues. "Where do we go from here?" will be considered.

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Pentecost Sunday is May 11

All are encouraged to wear red on this special feast day!

The Day of Pentecost is a day of Christian celebration observed on the seventh Sunday after Easter. On Pentecost we remember an event that occurred to the disciples 50 days after the Passover during which Jesus was crucified and 10 days after they watched Jesus literally ascend into the clouds. The disciples and followers had gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish feast of Shavuot. While they were gathered there was a sound like a violent wind, then something that looked like tongues of flame came down and rested on each person's head. Christians consider the Day of Pentecost the birthday of the church because, from that moment on, the disciples carried the message of Christ everywhere they went all over the world. At St. Luke's it is a Pentecost tradition is to wear red to symbolize the tongues of flame and the Holy Spirit. Decorations on the Day of Pentecost are red to symbolize tongues of flame and the Holy Spirit; during the season of Pentecost they are green to symbolize the growth and life of the church.

Important Dates To Remember...

United Thank Offering Ingathering,
Sun., May 4 (see pg. 3)

Pentecost Sunday, May 11 – everyone
encouraged to wear RED this day!

Senior Recognition Sunday, May 18
(both services, with reception in Metcalf
Hall after 10:30 service)



As you may be aware, we are reconstructing our website – www.episcopalbartlesville.org. Mike Watkins created our original website years ago using information from our New Member Packet and a few pictures of our stained glass. This served us very well, but times, technology and expectations have changed significantly. Sandy Lee has taken on the challenge of recreating our website.

Meanwhile, the Diocese of Oklahoma is going high-tech. The Diocesan website (www.episcopaloklahoma.org) has been recreated to be more interactive, current and informative. Plus, the diocese is helping every church and mission create a website with everyone linked to each other – and they are providing the funds and support to get it done.

Last Thursday I attended a special training workshop at the Cathedral on building a website. Every church was expected to have a representative in attendance. The software being used is different from the software being used by Sandy for our website so she didn't need to go. I went to register our support and to get ideas. We will be in the diocesan network.

Frankly, our model for content appears to be ahead of what I saw and heard on Thursday. However, I learned a lot about the importance of having a website and some particulars about how it should look which are important.

An amazing 70% of the people looking for a new church now use the internet – that is huge! In 2004, 64% of Americans who were “webbed” used the internet for religious purposes – news, music and communication. Static websites are obsolete – interactive is absolutely necessary. The internet is considered a “safe” way to find a church and to explore the issues of religion and spirituality. With each younger generation, the percentage of internet and website users goes up dramatically.

The presenters at the workshop pointed out that many “mega-churches” and more conservative churches have been using the internet very effectively for years. While they get a lot of attention, they often stand alone or are in a limited network. As mainline churches, like the Episcopal Church, build ever-larger networks with multiple links between them, they will have a much larger voice and attraction on the internet. The Diocese of Atlanta is a good example. That network has been a major success for people in the diocese as well as people seeking a church home since 2004.

Over and over the leaders stressed the importance of keeping in mind the audience for your website – church members and people in the community who don't know our language and ways. They also challenged us to make this a “collaborative” effort utilizing input from many people. So, we need you to help us be sure we are doing this right by offering suggestions – even making contributions.

Here are some things which I know will appear on our website:

1. Information on every facet of our parish life with pictures to give them life.
2. The weekly “Steeple” newsletter with archives.
3. When we have the technology (this summer), weekly sermons and archives.
4. Frequently asked questions and answers with the ability to ask questions.
5. Current events by title and teaser along with narrative.
6. Parish Calendar – current and future including birthdays and anniversaries.
7. Daily Devotions – with prayers, scripture and stories for each day.
8. Rector's Blog – opportunity for reflections and comment with responses.
9. Links to important websites such as the Diocese, Episcopal Church & Cursillo.
10. Directions to St. Luke's.
11. Much more as plans unfold.



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Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 4, 2008
8:00am Rite I
9:15am Church School
10:30am Rite II

Monday, May 5, 2008
8:45am Morning Prayer
9:15am Church Staff Mtg.
5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, May 6, 2008
8:45am Morning Prayer
9:30am Spiritual Disciplines Class, library

Wednesday, May 7, 2008
8:45am Morning Prayer
6-8pm Young Disciples, RH
7:00pm Choir

Thursday, May 8, 2008
6:45am Men's Fellowship
8:45am Morning Prayer
12:00pm Holy Eucharist
6:30pm EFM, Rm. 203

Friday, May 9, 2008

Saturday, May 10, 2008
9am-1pm Young Disciples move School
Supplies to Rodgers Hall

Sunday, May 11, 2008
Pentecost Sunday & Mother's Day
8:00am Rite I
9:15am Church School
10:30am Rite II

Monday, May 12, 2008
8:45am Morning Prayer
9:15am Church Staff Mtg.
5:30pm Holy Eucharist
7:15pm Vestry Mtg.

From the Rector (continued from col. 1)

So, let us know what you think. Write me at leestephens@episcopalbartlesville.org or Sandy at sandy2670@yahoo.com. The Vestry has already had a presentation and provided input. Now it is your turn to see what is happening and make your suggestions.

Blessings,
Fr. Lee+



With Sympathy

Sincere sympathy and prayers to family (Mrs. Ann Harrison, 10595 Mason Park Ct., Fairfax, VA 22030) and friends of *Henry Fox*, who died in Bartlesville on Wednesday, April 23. Private family services for Mr. Fox will be held at a later date.



REMINDER:
Monthly Vestry Meeting is
Monday, May 12, 7:15pm.

ST. LUKE'S PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following persons in your prayers...

(Names on the Prayer List will be rotated off every 4 weeks. If there is a need for continued prayers, please let us know.)

Bryan, Jacob, Doug, Bettie, Isaac, Tom, Patricia, Lynna, Gene, Sue, Judith, Dennis, Sally, Jean, Sperry, Alexa, Tony, Patti, Doris, Shirley, Henry, Kylee, John, Marty, Adam, Linda, Mike, Ed, Steve, Emma, Pieter, Elizabeth, Pam, Fred, Max, Lyn, Mort, Laura, George, Scott, Randy, Jeremy

If you have a prayer request, please call or e-mail our Prayer Ministry Coordinators: Thelma Blackburn (333-7902, TPBGEN@aol.com) or Richard Chamberlain (333-5591, Deaconrc@sbcglobal.net)

HONORING THE CLASS OF 2008

Do you have a graduating Senior this year? If so, please notify the church office as soon as possible. On Sunday, May 18, our graduating seniors will be recognized at both



services, with a reception in their honor following the 10:30 service. Please call 336-1212, or e-mail stlukes@episcopalbartlesville.org.

Attention Parents of Juniors: If you can help with the reception following the 10:30 service, please contact the church office also. Thank you!

YOUNG DISCIPLES ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

The Young Disciples Youth Group meets every Wed., 6-8pm in Rodgers Hall

Wed., May 7: Worship.
Go-carts or Monopoly night if rained out.
Dinner: Clem

Sat., May 10: Help move school supplies for Annual School Supply Distribution to Rodgers Hall.

United Thank Offering Ingathering Sunday, May 4

The United Thank Offering Spring Ingathering is Sunday, May 4 and every man, woman and child is encouraged to remember the blessings they have received and enjoy through prayers and offerings. Please remember to put a few coins aside every day as you give thanks for the gifts of grace that God extends to you in your daily lives. Bring your gifts of thanks to church on Sunday, May 4. Your offerings will be combined with those of other Episcopal parishes nationwide and be used in the form of grants which support and strengthen the mission and ministry of the Church on the state, national and world level. Each year the gifts from these offerings total nearly \$3 million.



2008 Episcopal Women's Conference "Behold I Do a New Thing" (Isaiah 43:19)

Trinity Church, Tulsa

Friday, May 2 and Saturday, May 3

For additional information, contact the 2008 Conference Chair, Barbara Woltz at 918.495.0685 or blwoltz@aol.com, or go to the Diocesan Website at www.episcopaloklahoma.org.



Conference Guest Speaker is The Rev. Dr. Jo Bailey Wells. Bailey Wells is an Associate Professor of the Practice of Christian Ministry and Bible and Director of Anglican Studies at Duke Divinity School. Professor Wells teaches Old Testament and biblical theology, particularly in relation to its contemporary relevance for ministry.

FINALE CONCERT CELEBRATING BARTLESVILLE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA'S 50TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Saturday, May 3rd at 8:00 p.m. in the Bartlesville Community Center, the Bartlesville Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of Maestro Lauren Green, will present the final concert of the BSO's 50th year celebration. Featured soloist is pianist Alexander Peskanov. Also highlighting the concert will be the familiar "Ode to Joy" from Beethoven's 9th Symphony with soloists and members of the Bartlesville Choral Society. Tickets are available at the BCC box office.

WHAT'S NEW AT MARTHA'S TASK? 718 S. Johnstone

Spring is here! New items in the store are pillow cases (standard/queen) made from lovely fabrics and also children's and collegiate motifs. For Mother's Day, casserole carriers, aprons, eye glass carriers, ironing board covers and purses.



As you do your spring house cleaning, please remember Martha's Task with sewing supplies you no longer use. The store is located at 718 S. Johnstone and is open Mon.-Fri., 9am-2pm. We also provide a program and display our creations for your organization's meeting. Call Susan Murphy, 336-8275 for more information.

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 5/4/08 through 5/11/08

Acolytes
Sunday, May 4, 2008
10:30 a.m.

Server

Audra Bridendolph
Spencer Bridendolph

Crucifer

Jack Wiseman

Torchbearers

Tom Wiseman
David Wiseman

Sunday, May 11, 2008
10:30 a.m.

Servers

Jennifer Simmons

Shawn Clem

Crucifer

Nicole Simmons

Lessons for Sunday,
May 4, 2008

Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11;
John 17:1-11

Hymns for Sun., May 4

#214 – "Hail the Day That Sees
Him Rise"

#589 – "Almighty God, Your
Word is Cast"

#314 – "Humbly I Adore Thee"

#700 (text) – "O Love That
Casts Out Fear"

#450 – "All Hail the Power of
Jesus' Name"

Layreaders
Sunday, May 4, 2008
8:00am

Doty, Watkins

10:30am

Stephens, Currey
Boone, Grillot

Sunday, May 11, 2008

8:00am

Beeman, Birk

10:30am

Watkins, Grillot
P. Williams, Wesneski

Greeters
Sunday, May 4, 2008
8:00am

Molly Ferguson

Volunteers needed, call

336-1212

10:30am

Glenn & Thelma Blackburn

Jo Oertle

Joe Robertson

Sunday, May 11, 2008

8:00am

Don & Cheri Doty

Judy Currey

10:30am

*Volunteers needed. Call
church office, 336-1212.*

St. Luke's Bookstore

*The Bookstore is open on
Sundays between the two
services and after the
10:30 service.*

To volunteer, please call
Cindy Brumley, 914-2144.

Plate Counters
Sunday, May 4, 2007

Mueggenborg

Sunday, May 11, 2007

Malone

*Volunteers: Please make
your own substitutions.*

**NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE**

Please have any
information that you would
like printed in *The Steeple*
to the church office no later
than Tuesdays, 12 noon.
Thank you!

Ushers
Sunday, May 4, 2008
8:00 a.m.

Zervas, Gardner

10:30am

Malone, Simmons

Sunday, May 11, 2007

8:00am

Kemp, Gardner

10:30am

Blackburn, Ferguson

Children's Chapel
May 4 – Ellen Heald
May 11 – Megan Burnett
May 18 – Tracy Harlow

**2008 ECW
Bereavement Committee**
May

Martin, Thomas, Winn

June

Foote, Megee

Sunday Nursery Volunteers

May 4 – Zella Simmons

May 11 – Barbara Todd

May 18 – Megan Burnett

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own substitutions.*

