



The Steeple

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ALL SAINTS DAY

Sunday, November 6

All Saints Day will be celebrated on Sunday, November 6. During the two Sunday services that day we will remember and thank God for all who have died. The names of the deceased will be read during the liturgy. If you would like to add a name to the list, call the church office, 918-336-1212 or e-mail

annbell@episcopalbartlesville.org no later than Wednesday, November 2.



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Important Dates To Remember

- Diocesan Convention, Nov. 3 - 5, Tulsa
- Daylight Savings Time Ends, 2am, Sunday, Nov. 6. Turn your clocks back 1 hr. before bedtime Saturday night.
- All Saints' Day, Sun., Nov. 6
- UTO Ingathering, Sun., Nov. 6

UNITED THANK OFFERING FALL INGATHERING Sunday, November 6

United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of the Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through UTO, we nurture the habit of giving daily thanks to God. These prayers of thanksgiving start when we recognize and name our many daily blessings. Those who participate in UTO discover that thankfulness leads to generosity. United Thank Offering distributes the donated monies to support mission and ministry throughout the Episcopal Church and in invited Provinces of the Anglican Communion in the developing world. Giving envelopes & boxes are in the narthex & church office.

Thanks to a UTO grant, for \$12,000 to St. John's Episcopal in Northampton, MA funded the conversion of an existing 1st floor lavatory into a handicap accessible facility. Also, **\$50,000** was granted to the Diocese of Southern Philippines to build the first floor of a building that houses offices for education & learning programs focused on women & children

For more UTO grant stories, visit <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/uto/>.



Did you enjoy Halloween? Everywhere I went on Monday people were dressed in costumes of all sorts – and having fun. In one doctor’s office the staff and the doctor took on the theme of the Wizard of Oz. The doctor was “Dorothy” with red shoes and all. The context was both serious and fun. People were having fun and enjoying each other.

I am getting some physical therapy for one of my knees – old priest that I am. On my first two visits I had time to change and wear shorts and a t-shirt. On Monday I had the Monday Eucharist after my therapy so I wore my clericals and looked my usual priestly self – whatever that means.

As I was paying my co-pay at BPR, I noticed that Tiffany, the receptionist/scheduler, was dressed as “Spiderwoman.” I said, “Nice costume!”

She responded, “Hey, I like yours too!” We both laughed – apparently for different reasons.

As started down the hall for my therapy, Tiffany asked, “Did you wear that to work?”

I turned and looked her and said, “You bet. I have been blessing people all day long!”

She gave me two thumbs up and said, “Cool!”

I smiled all through my therapy and gave thanks for my “costume” and the privilege of blessing people. Tiffany is right – that is really “cool!” Having said that, should I bless others even when I am not dressed up in my collar and all?

In reality we all have the power to bless whether or not we wear a priest costume. We have experienced more than enough of God’s grace to gift and empower us to bless others. And, we don’t have to wait for Halloween or any other festive day to have fun and enjoy others – and make their day better.

How can we bless others? Oh my, let me count the ways – an unexpected smile, a listening ear, a spontaneous hug, a helping hand, a commitment to a ministry, a phone call with no reason, a reminding some they loved – the list goes on and on. We just have to want to live blessed by God and have a real desire to bless.

This is what we are about as St. Luke’s. The Holy Eucharist is not just a reminder, but an experience of Christ’s love over and over – week after week grace abounds. We then process into the “world” to see who we can bless – at least that is the idea. Enjoy every day blessing the “unexpected” folks in your path.

Blessings,
Fr. Lee +

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 6, 2011

All Saints Sunday

8:00am Rite I

9:15am Church School

10:30am Rite II

Monday, November 7, 2011

8:45am Morning Prayer

9:15am Church Staff Mtg.

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, November 8, 2011

10:00am Spiritual Direction Group, library

5:30pm Adult Bible Study, library

Wednesday, November 9, 2011

6-8pm Young Disciples, RH

7:00pm Choir

7:15pm Spiritual Direction Group

Thursday, November 10, 2011

6:45am Men’s Fellowship

12:00pm Holy Eucharist

Friday, November 11, 2011

Saturday, November 12, 2011

Sunday, November 13, 2011

8:00am Rite I

9:00am Church School

10:30am Rite II

Monday, November 14, 2011

8:45am Morning Prayer

9:15am Church Staff Mtg.

5:30pm Holy Eucharist

7:15pm Vestry Mtg.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION

November 3-5

Hosted by St. Patrick’s,

Broken Arrow

**Renaissance Tulsa Hotel &
Convention Center**

Tulsa, OK

Please keep all delegates & participants in your thoughts and prayers. Delegates from St. Luke’s are: Jo Baughman, Kris Bonner, Steve Clark, Darian Kedy, Becky Liehr, Connie Freebern, Lynda Stephens, and Mike Watkins, along with our clergy, Fr. Lee Stephens, Mthr. Stephanie Mitchell and Rev. Doug Freebern.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP FORUM

“THE EMERGING CHURCH”

9:15am Sundays, Metcalf Hall

This Sunday, November 6:

**“Looking for Healthy
Fractures”**

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.)

Mark, Karen, Crystal, Thelma, Shirley, Joan, Charlie, Glenn, James, Sydney, Vicky, Chris, John, Alex, Noelle, David, Sally, Robert, Greg, Linda, Hilary, Marie, Stan, Margaret, Nora, Loren, Jan, Isaac, Bobby, Steve, Charles, Jean, Will, Joseph, Brandon, 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)

BARTLESVILLE COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **Church Women United, 2011 World Community Day**, Friday, November 4, 9:30am Brunch, \$6, First United Methodist Church, 5th & Johnstone. Contact Thelma Blackburn for more information, 918-333-7902 or TPBGEN@aol.com.
- **Disciples Christian Church's 3rd Annual Alternative Christmas** benefit for Concern, Agape Mission, The Lighthouse Outreach Center, Habitat for Humanity and the Samaritan Counseling Center. An International Soup Luncheon, \$6/person, Saturday, Nov. 5, 11am-1pm, 5800 Douglas Lane. Please call DCC, 918-333-1372 for reservations. Fair Trade items from SERRV will also be available for purchase.

A Gift Freely Given

A choir, small in number, but great in heart, worked and practiced diligently to perfect their offering of music. But, no matter how hard they tried, they couldn't quite master a few of the beautiful phrases in the anthem. Sunday morning came – the morning they were to sing this particular anthem – and the wonderful choir received an unexpected gift, freely given by one of their own. The gift? A lovely new melody that wove itself in and through the music the choir was singing, a melody played lovingly and joyfully on the cello. And something very amazing happened! The choir responded to this new melody as if they had discovered their own gift of music being enriched. Wondrous it was! Wondrous it always is when we share our gifts – whether they be artistic gifts, gifts of compassion and caring, gifts of friendship and understanding. Gifts for sharing are as numerous as the stars in the heavens! Let your light so shine giving glory to God, the Creator of all good gifts!



SCRAPBOOKING

Saturday, November 12

9:00am - 5:00pm

Metcalf Hall

Come spend the whole day or just a couple of hours! Time to work on those scrapbooks for Christmas gifts!

If you have never scrapbooked before, we will get you started - just bring your photos. Questions? Contact Penny Williams at 918-766-2157.

FROZEN PIES REQUESTED FOR CONCERN'S THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS



St. Luke's has been asked to provide 200 frozen pies again this year as part of CONCERN's annual program so families in need can have a Thanksgiving dinner complete with turkey and all the trimmings! Apple, cherry, pumpkin and pecan are suggested as they are the classics for

Thanksgiving. Please bring frozen pies to the church by Sunday November 13th so CONCERN will have them in time. Put them in the upright freezer in the closet on the far NW corner of Metcalf Hall.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
ENDS SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 6. TURN
YOUR CLOCKS BACK
ONE HOUR**



**BEFORE
BEDTIME
SATURDAY
NIGHT,
NOVEMBER 5.**

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Monday 5:30pm, Thursday 12pm

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE 11/6/11 through 11/13/11

Acolytes
Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011
10:30 a.m.

Servers

Lauren Heald
Spencer Heald

Crucifer

Spencer Heald

Torchbearers

Harald Borg
Genevieve Miller

Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011
10:30 a.m.

Servers

Jack Wiseman
A. J. Clem

Crucifer

Dave Wiseman

Layreaders
Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011

8:00am

Birk, P. Williams

10:30am

Johnson, Grillot
J. Green, L. Watkins

Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011

8:00am

Kedy, Grillot

10:30am

L. Green, Dreiling
P. Williams, M. Watkins

Scripture Lessons for
Sunday, 11/06/11

Revelation 7:9-17;
Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John
3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

Music for 11/06/11

#287 – "For All the Saints"
#293 – "I Sing a Song of the
Saints of God"

#328 (text) "Draw Nigh and
Take the Body of the Lord"

#655 – "O Jesus, I Have
Promised"

#618 – "Ye Watchers and Ye
Holy Ones"

Plate Counters
Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011
Jeanette Wishall
Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011
Jim Malone

Volunteers: Please make your
own substitutions.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have articles that you
would like printed in
The Steeple to the church office
no later than Tuesdays at
10am. Thank you!

St. Luke's Bookstore

*The Bookstore is open
Sundays between the two
services and after the
10:30 service. All proceeds
from sales go to St. Luke's
Outreach Projects.*

**To volunteer, you may call
Melinda Wesneski,
333-7758 or
Barbara Martin, 336-8445.*

Greeters
Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011

8:00am

Don Davidson

10:30am

Glenn & Thelma
Blackburn
Jo Oertle

Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011

8:00am

Don & Cheri Doty

10:30am

Truly Johnson,
Carolyn Lawrence

Church Nursery
Volunteers

Nov. 6 – Zella Simmons

Nov. 13 – Barbara Todd

Nov. 20 – Natalie Conner

*Volunteers: Please make your
own substitutions. To Volunteer,
or to be a sub, call Tammy
Baughman, 918-440-8088.*

Ushers
Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011

8:00 a.m.

Gardner, Zervas

10:30am

Malone, Simmons

Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011

8:00am

Gardner, Kemp

10:30am

Blackburn, Ferguson

Children's Chapel

Nov. 6 – Rosy Zuklic

Nov. 13 – Amy Borg

Nov. 20 – Jerry Beal

ECW Bereavement

Committee

November

Laura Birk, Ada Grillot

December

Sue Glass,
Debbie Mueggenborg

Agape Mission
2nd Thursday (11/10/11)

9am-11am

Cheri Doty, John McCollum

10:45am-1:00pm

Becky Liehr, Rita Childers
Marcia Zervas, Kathy Zervas,

Rusty Hoff

1:00-2:45pm

Sharon Schilling,
Melinda Droege