



AUGUST 2017

Light in the Shadows

“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” Matt. 5: 16

Enjoying Our Rich Summer Sunday Worship

“Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings...”



St. Luke’s has been blessed with rich worship and this summer has been no exception. I am thinking especially of just this past month when the choir at the 10:00 a.m. Service kept on singing instead of taking its usual summer break. Under the talented direction of Ashley Paine, our music director, we were blessed to hear inspiring anthems sung by the dedicated members of the choir as well as

wonderful musical interludes that Ashley played. Those of us who weren’t in the choir had our spirits lifted as we sang hymns and songs in worship and praise to God. In reflection of this past month, I suspect many of us (I am too!) are asking what God has in store for us going forward now that our beloved music director, Ashley Paine, has moved

on. We wish her God’s richest blessing as she and Brian begin another chapter in their lives in New Hampshire.

Peter was asking a similar sort of question as he—along with James and John—were having a literal mountain-top experience. There is their Master, Jesus, along with two other “rock stars” of the faith: Moses and Elijah. Talk about being close to God! They got to see some serious glory up close and personal! Who would ever want that to end? Peter tried to make the moment last by offering permanent housing for the three stars of the faith. But, as with



St. Luke’s Bids Farewell To Ashley Paine, Church Musician



On Sunday July 30th St. Luke’s members bid farewell to our beloved church musician, Ashley Paine. The final anthem sung under Ashley’s direction by the 10 member choir that morning, was a joyful and lively piece entitled, “Lord of the Dance”—a most apt choice reflecting the joy and love Ashley’s musical gift has brought to St. Luke’s these

past 2½ years. A special reception was held following the 10:00 o’clock worship service. Senior Warden, Belinda Whipple Worth presented Ashley with a generous monetary gift from the parish and Rick Hunter a special gift from the choir—a handsomely framed trio of photos—St. Luke’s exterior, the Choir and the 1870 Hamill Organ. Ashley and her husband Brian have moved to New Hampshire to be closer to Ashley’s family and hope to start a family of their own. We bid Ashley farewell with grateful hearts and pray that God’s many blessings will fill her life.

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—Rev. Heidi L. Edson

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From the Senior Warden

Music & Worship. What's Next In Our Future?



What a wonderful last service with Ashley Paine, our young and talented now former Church Musician! And how sweet her prayerful singing to us was! We pray blessings and mercies for her as she moves into her next chapter of life.

So now we enter into a time of not knowing. We are doing our work to recruit a new Church Musician. Then, we must wait on God to provide. We've heard that Musician Directors are only slightly more abundant than hen's teeth. (My hens don't have one between them!) We have supply arranged for most of the month of August and looking into September.

Music, to my mind, and to my heart and soul, is so important to the worship of God. Each of us as individuals has the opportunity to experience transcendent union with God in music, singing, or prayer, but especially in singing together. Singing together is also so important to our experience of spiritual community. Singing together creates a unity, a Community, even a Communion, from disparate, disagreeing, quirky individuals.

As individual people lifting our voices and singing together we become joined as the Communion of Saints Alive. Singing hymns of praise to our God with one voice and with one heart, we are brought together. We all become one in a very real and significant way. Even more powerful, when we let ourselves bring our awareness to it, we experience the Community in union with God. Many individual people become One in Community; the One Community becomes One with our God.

Until a new Church Musician is hired we may have Sundays with no organ, no keyboard and no choir. This will not seem unfamiliar to the "8 o'clockers," but for the "10 o'clockers" it will be a new experience. We may wish to sit a little closer to each other and a little closer to the altar in order to consciously invite the experience of Unity, Community, and Oneness with each other and with God.

*Blessings,
Belinda, Senior Warden*

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rock concerts and all the other good things, the show (as they say) must come to an end. At some point the disciples would need to descend the mountain. But the disciples didn't climb down that mountain alone. Jesus climbed down with them!

The good news is that Jesus is right here with us, too, as we begin another chapter in our Sunday worship experience. The wonderful thing is that the worship and praise God really wants from us is the kind offered from our hearts (No music required.). Saying that, I am happy to report that for the rest of this month, Candace Montesi, will be our guest organist. Martha Stretton has also expressed her willingness to help out beginning in September as we continue searching for a permanent church musician. In the meantime, let's enjoy the presence of God in us and in one another as we come together Sundays for worship (No tents needed!).

*Blessings,
Heidi+*



St. Luke's Musician Search Update

The St. Luke's Musician Search Team comprises Belinda Whipple Worth, Rick Hunter, Heidi Edson, Lew Watters and Dave Willis. Dave was Chairman of a similar effort in 2013, and agreed to do it again.

We have developed a master list of colleges, schools, the Diocese, personal connections, and relevant industry groups, such as the American Guild of Organists, and are sending each a classified ad plus a St. Luke's "flier", targeting both individuals and departments we think can help. Our goal is to "get out our message" and, as you can well imagine, the list of actual media to be employed is small.

We are not planning paid media at this point, but welcome suggestions.

Additionally, it being summertime, most colleges and schools are not in active session, so our most likely target audience is not even available to us yet.

Leading a choir and playing both an organ and keyboard requires a large and diverse group of skills, and people with such requisite abilities are rare even in a large metropolitan area. In a relentlessly secular and sparsely-populated place like Vermont, we know our search is probably going to take a great deal of time and luck.

In the interim, we are looking to Candace Montesi and Martha Stretton to supply. —*David Willis*



Saturday, August 5th... See You On The Church Lawn!

Things are coming together like a fine puzzle for our 79th Annual August Supper on Saturday August 5 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.. There are still some needs like ice chests, ice, salad greens, servers and runners, pretty serving dishes, maybe carvers and especially more men to put up the tents and folks for the cleanup team.

Just as planned, person-to-person, this event is expense free—all profit. There was even enough donated to pay for all the hams and roast beefs to go with those gifted turkey birds! There is enough to buy the pizzas for the tent men's treats.

Now get those personal invitations out to family, friends and neighbors to serve our goal of 165 people. Janet Hunter has time schedules posted in Willard Hall in case you wish to help for a given task and time. Let's eat and be merry!

A Silent Auction Too!

Those who have attended in the past need no reminder about how enjoyable an evening this will be along with the "Silent Auction" of special items, goods and services.

Come Join Us For Wednesday Morning Prayer Time

If you have been on Main Street in Chester in the mornings, you may have noticed St. Luke's red doors opened up. This year, so far, we have had several people peek inside. One recent morning, I even found a \$10. bill in the basket for the Sunday bulletins which I promptly placed in our Offertory plate for last Sunday's count.

Why did I say all that? Well, it's to let you know that every Wednesday mornings beginning at 9:40 a.m, you can find several folks gathered in the Side Chapel for Morning Prayer. We are using the Daily Office booklet (resource from Church Publishing) and are also reading the daily Lessons. People have peeked in on us. We'll keep praying all through August, so, if you're in town, stop by and join us.—Heidi+

SEPTEMBER LITS DEADLINE:

AUGUST 25th

Send all announcements, articles, photos, etc. to:
Pat Fromberger, 180 Gates Rd.,
Andover, VT 05143
panjoe@vermontel.net

Adult Study Update

The Mid-Week Study Group just completed the seven-week DVD Series entitled: "Painting the Stars: Science, Religion and an Evolving Faith." Each week's DVD presentation generated some rich discussion and observations from us with all of us sharing with each other our sense of wonder, our concerns and our questions. We also talked about the many challenges our Church faces today—how we can honor both our faith traditions and the study of science and the natural world. For example, what role can the Church play to further the awareness of the need to practice stewardship with the natural resources God has blessed us with? This and other questions are ongoing all over our country and the world and, hopefully, we will never stop asking them.

Our next Mid-Week Study will begin on Wednesday, the 6th of September. To keep things interesting, we'll be "shifting gears" from our previous Study and spend some time engaging stories from Scripture. An aid for our reflection that we'll be using will be The Rev'd Carole Wageman's book, "The Light Shines Through: Our Stories are God's Story." Please see me for more information.

—Heidi+

Reminder: Visit St. Luke's webpage to keep abreast of the latest photos and happenings. www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org

Highlights From The June 28th Vestry Meeting

A late June Vestry Meeting was held on June 28, 2017, to address some time-sensitive matters.

- **Finances.** Cash Flow. Because of the need to pay bills and the responsibility to finish up building repairs (such as the flashing on the tower, repair to the red doors, and interior plaster walls) that had already been approved by the Vestry and which were covered by a loan from the Diocese, the Vestry approved a motion authorizing Assistant Treasurer Lynda Farmer to transfer \$15,000 from Vanguard Funds to the checking account. Fortunately, interest from Vanguard investments had already increased those funds by \$10,000 since the beginning of the year. In addition, various cost-cutting measures—mostly due to insurance changes—mean that the forecasted budget deficit, which was approved at the Annual Meeting, should be vastly reduced over the original projection.

- **2017 Audit.** The Vestry approved hiring Nancy Pennell to reconcile the 2017 books at a cost of \$15 per hour so that the 2017 Audit could take place. The Audit Committee was approved to consist of David Carey, Red Johnson, and David Willis, Chair.

- **Church Musician.** Because of Ashley Paine's departure after the July 30 service, Lew Watters arranged for options in filming Ashley, the choir, and our church service music. The Vestry opted to take advantage of Rudy Winston's offer, and filming took place on July 23. The resultant video will go up on the church website, be an example of a typical Sunday 10:00 a.m. service, and should be helpful in attracting candidates for the Organist/Choir Director position. In the meantime, Martha Stretton and Candice Montesi are willing to be occasional supply musicians while the search progresses. A Musician Search Committee was formed consisting of Heidi Edson, Rick Hunter, Lew Watters, Belinda Whipple Worth, and David Willis, Chair. All parishioners are encouraged to spread the word about this important opening at St. Luke's.

- **Lapsed Parishioners.** Vestry members agreed to speak with specific individuals and invite them to the August Supper on August 5th.

- **August Supper.** Co-Chairs Janet Hunter, Eileen Widger, and Bonnie Watters are organizing for this important annual event. Tent and other arrangements were already made by Bonnie Watters. Parishioners are encouraged to invite friends and to volunteer.

- **Next Vestry Meeting:** The next meeting will be on **August 9th**. The focus topic will be "Worship, Altar Guild, and Music." All church members are welcome to attend.

—Lillian Willis, Recording Secretary

Worship Committee To Meet On Saturday, August 26th

The next Worship Committee Meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, **August 26 at 10:00 a.m.** in Willard Hall. Plans for the upcoming fall and the Advent season as well as other items for discussion will be on the agenda. Rev. Heidi will send out a final agenda shortly. All church members are welcome to come to these meeting and share their thoughts, suggestions or concerns regarding worship at St. Luke's. Speak to Heidi if you want to know more.

Christ's Hands

In World War II, bombs destroyed a church in Strasbourg, France. As parishioners cleared the rubble, they discovered a statue of Jesus that was now missing both hands.

A visiting sculptor later offered to make repairs, but church members declined, saying Christ "has no hands to minister to the needy or feed the hungry or enrich the poor—except our hands. He inspires. We perform."

St. Teresa of Avila wrote:

Christ has no body but yours;
no hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.
Yours are the hands with which he blesses all
the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours.

God of Tomorrows

This is the blessed life—not anxious to see far in front, nor eager to choose the path, but quietly following behind the Shepherd, one step at a time. The Shepherd was always out in front of the sheep. He was down in front. Any attack upon them had to take him into account.

Now God is down in front. He is in the tomorrows. It is tomorrow that fills [people] with dread. God is there already. All the tomorrows of our life have to pass him before they can get to us. —F.B. Meyer

God knows that the human heart finds inspiration not in fear, but in love; not in a God powerful enough to "count the number of the stars," but in a God tender enough to "heal the broken-hearted and bind up their wounds."
—Foward Day By Day, October 19, 2016

Upon This Rock

The Parish Partnership Campaign for Rock Point

You may have noticed this colorful brochure at the back of the church as well as downstairs in Willard Hall, but have you taken the time to read though it?

Rock Point (the Diocesan-owned 130 acres on Lake Champlain) has been called a sanctuary, a sacred space, an outdoor cathedral, and it is indeed all of those things for nearly 165 years. It is a resource that all of us are called to be faithful stewards as Episcopalians in the diocese of Vermont. Many of us have had the opportunity to enjoy this valuable resource, whether attending retreats and quiet days at the Conference Center or perhaps attending Rock Point summer or winter camps. The Rock Point Center is in great need of much updating and improvements. We are all invited and encouraged to share a parish partnership in the care of this God given resource. Read the following introductory letter from Bishop Tom Ely and seriously consider giving a gift and becoming involved:

Dear Friends,

Since 1855, Rock Point in Burlington has served as a unique center of the Episcopal Church in Vermont, welcoming friends and neighbors attracted to its natural beauty and its peaceful embrace. It is literally one of the rocks upon which our Church is built.

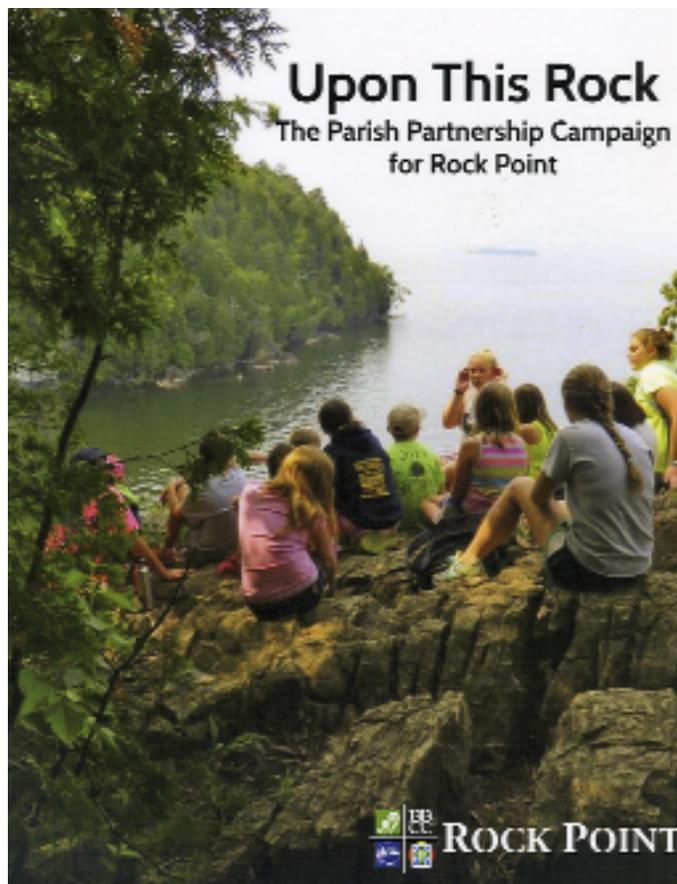
Episcopalians and other citizens of Vermont are fulfilling the role of stewards of Rock Point. I invite you and your parish to become part of this worthy effort to both protect and provide public access to the land, preserve and improve the facilities, and invest in spiritually and educationally rewarding programs to serve others.

Every gift to Upon this Rock: The Parish Partnership Campaign for Rock Point is needed, valued, and appreciated. I am confident that together, by joining our care and resources, we will sustain Rock Point and strengthen the mission of the Church.

Please visit, give, and be part of our shared future.

The Right Reverend Thomas C, Ely,
Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Vermont

Please be sure to pick up a copy of this informative and attractive brochure as it outlines all the plans for Rock Point and how you can participate as a parish partner. If you want to know more about The Parish Partnership Campaign, contact Rock Point Legacy Minister, Ellen Lovell by email at ellen.rockpoint@gmail.com or by phone: 802-863-3431.



The Outreach Corner

There's Still Time To Donate To PINS Backpack Collection!



Thank you to all who have been responding to the PINS school backpack collection. The collection of backpacks and school supplies continues through **Sunday, August 13th**. There is a bin in the back of the church for donations. The backpacks

go to kids from kindergarten to high school.

ITEMS WE ARE COLLECTING ARE:

pencils	8"x11" spiral notebooks
pens	1.5 inch 3-ring binders
erasers	3-hole lined paper
thumb drives	5"x8" day planners
backpacks	folders w/pockets
crayons	colored pencils sharpeners

On Monday, **August 14th** the PINS (Partners in Service) committee will gather in **Willard Hall at 9:00 a.m.** to sort the donations and fill the backpacks. We welcome volunteers to assist us for the plus or minus 2 hours it will take for this job. The backpacks will be delivered to the Springfield office of the Department of Child and Family Services. The social workers will distribute them at their annual back-to-school party for foster kids and children of families in crisis.

PINS is one of the organizations that St. Luke's Church supports through its Outreach Program. We work closely with Robbie Wierzbicki, our liaison person from DCF and have asked to be contacted with specific requests on an on-going, "as needed" basis when individual needs and emergencies arise.

Thank you for all your support of this project now and in the past years.enormous difference to individual well-being.—*Marcia Clinton*



International Outreach: Food For The Poor

Food For The Poor is another of St. Luke's international outreach beneficiaries. The organization was brought to our attention by the Reverend Josh Hoover. Josh is an Episcopal priest as well as the son of long-time parishioners John and Sally Hoover. The Vision for the organization is shaped by their belief that Christ is alive and can be served directly by serving those in greatest need. (Matthew 25:40). Food For The Poor's mission is to link the church of the First World with the church of the Third World in a manner that helps both the materially poor as well as the poor in spirit, through service and prayer. They work throughout Latin America and the Caribbean, feeding the hungry (617,844,286 meals were distributed to malnourished children and families in 2016), building shelters for those who are homeless (9,430 housing units in 2016) as well as developing projects to help participants learn to grow their own food, develop sources for clean water, and set up aquaculture projects and fishing villages.

In addition they worked intensely in Haiti following the devastation of Hurricane Matthew in 2016, which left tens of thousands of Haitians without shelter. Food For The Poor built housing units and provided emergency food, clean water and medical supplies.

A message of thanks from the president: "Due to your kindness, we have nourished the hungry, provided safe homes for the destitute, given clean water to the thirsty, delivered medicine to the sick, and transformed the lives of the poor...throughout the Caribbean and Latin America"

Thank you St. Luke's!!

—*Jane Davis & Sally Hoover, Outreach Chairs*

Faith is not a self-centered love affair between any individual and God, as if there were no one else in the world. Faith begins with the love of God, or rather, with God's love for the individual. It is never intended to end there. It must show forth in love for others. If it doesn't, it is God's love gone wrong by our failure to respond and serve.—*Forward Day By Day, August 23, 2014.*

"When all other doors in life are closed to us, Jesus will be for us the ever-open door. ... To call any situation hopeless is to shut the door on God." —*Anthony Coniaris*

Update News on St. Luker's...Past & Present



Margie & Tom (John on right in photo.)

The happy couple—Marc & Justine!

The DesLauriers Wedding On June 24, 2017

Marc DesLauriers (oldest son of Alison & John) was married to Justine Minish on June 24th in Waltham, Massachusetts. Marc's brother Tom, served as Best Man and sister Margie was the Maid of Honor. Marc and Justine live and work in the Boston area.



Update On The Rev. Marnie Keator

I finally caught up with what is happening in the lives of Marnie & Gerrit Keator. Marnie was a long-time member of St. Luke's who was ordained to the priesthood in 2000. She served as an Associate Rector at Zion Church in Manchester Center, VT for 2 years and in 2004 was called to be Vicar of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Turners Falls, Mass. Marnie & Gerrit moved to Waimea, Hawaii in the fall of 2015. "We have a wonderful house out here with 3 horses that live in our pasture but do not belong to us. Perfect arrangement: all the fun and no worries!" Marnie is now serving as a Priest Associate at St. James' Church and leads a monthly women's Bible Study. She writes: "This congregation of St James'—actually three congregations—is an absolute dream come true."

Marnie says: "I love getting the St. Luke's newsletter and I read it from cover to cover. I love seeing how things are going." She also added: "Come and visit us as we have lots of room!" If you wish to touch base Marnie's email is: marnbbfinhi@gmail.com

P.S. The Keators' lovely old farmhouse in South Londonderry is still on the market if you know of anyone who is interested!



WEEKLY

- **Sunday Adult Formation Study:**
Sundays, 11:40AM-12:30PM. The DVD series entitled, "Painting the Stars: Science, Religion and an Evolving Faith" will continue throughout August. All are welcome to join us.
- **Lunch Bunch Book Study:**
Mondays, **Noon-1:15PM** in Willard Hall for a bag lunch, sharing, discussion & prayer. We are currently reading, "Dignity, Its Essential Role in Resolving Conflict," by Donna Hicks, PhD. All are welcome to join us.
- **Mid-Week Morning Prayer:**
Wednesdays: **Morning Prayer: 9:40AM;** in the Side Chapel. Note: Adult Study will resume on September 6th with a focus on scripture stories using The Rev. Carole Wageman's book, "The Light Shines Through: Our Stories are God's Story." See article on page 3.

- **St. Luke's Choir:**

Choir is on a summer hiatus during the month of August. We hope to resume rehearsals in September. Stay tuned.

LESS THAN WEEKLY

- **St. Luke's August Supper and Silent Auction:**
Saturday, **August 5th**, continuous seating from **5:00PM-7:00PM** on the back lawn of St. Luke's Church. Rain or shine. Reservations can be made by calling: 875-4031.
- **Monthly Vestry Meeting:**
Wednesday, **August 9th** in Willard Hall. **6:30PM Gathering & Scripture Reflection;** **7:00PM Regular Agenda.** The focus topic will be "Worship, Altar Guild, and Music." All church members are always welcome to attend.
- **Worship Committee Meeting:**
Saturday, August 26th, 10:00AM in Willard Hall. All church members welcome to attend.

"Love is taking a few steps backward, maybe even more ... to give way to the happiness of the person you love."

—A.A. Milne



AUGUST CELEBRATIONS



Birthdays:

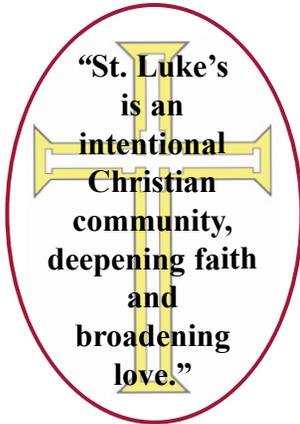
3	Kara Watters Lake	25	Beverly Dunbar
6	Mary Porter	26	Kathleen Willis
6	Lillian Willis	26	John Hoover
8	Aurora Hansel-Whalen	27	Amos Worth
12	Bill Hoyt	28	David Willis, Jr.
13	Morgan Willis	29	Kelly Watters
16	Emily Guerra		
18	Thomas DesLauriers		
18	Susannah Pennell		

Anniversaries:

8	David & Marjorie Carey
21	Peter & Chris Burchstead

The foliage has been losing its freshness through the month of August, and here and there a yellow leaf shows itself like the first gray hair"

—*Oliver Wendell Holmes*



✠ WORSHIP SCHEDULE ✠

Aug. 6	TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Aug. 13	X PENTECOST (Proper 14)
8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Aug. 20	XI PENTECOST (Proper 15)
8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Aug. 27	XII PENTECOST (Proper 16)
8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Sept. 3	XIII PENTECOST (Proper 17)
8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II

☛ **CHURCH SCHOOL:** Church School is recessing for the summer months and will resume in September.

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The Rev. Heidi L. Edson, Rector

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