

ACTS of ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2022

Rector's Annual Meeting Report



Jessica Hitchcock

Christmas of 2021 did not go as hoped, as planned. I can remember giving thanks that St. Luke's has windows in the worship space that open—not something most churches have—and the fresh air from outside would make worship a little bit safer in the face of COVID being on a rampage. And it wasn't too cold on Christmas Eve, so it seemed like it was going to be okay.

And then at the 5 pm service I heard a "ping" and someone was pulling glass out of their purse, glass from one of the beautiful candle holders that adorn our pews for special occasions. I thought it had gotten knocked, fallen, and broken. At the next service I heard the same noise, and then there was glass in the pew, and I realized what was happening. The candle was making

the glass hot, but then the cool air from the open windows was shocking the glass and the glass candle holders were exploding. Christmas of 2021 involved hot, exploding glass, and that about sums it up. COVID rates were SKYROCKETING at the very time that everyone was desperate to be with their loved ones, after not having done so for Christmas of 2020. It was hard. We muddled through.

It seemed like things could only get better from there. And they did! While we didn't have a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper, we had pancake races that neighbors came to, and we shared paczki, jelly filled donuts, a pre-Lent tradition from our Polish siblings. We washed each other's feet at the Maundy Thursday service, and we lifted our voices together in song to celebrate Jesus's resurrection on Easter Sunday. And there was an EGG HUNT! We enjoyed brunch together on the Sunday after Easter, and we shared lunch on Pentecost - it was so good to be eating together once again.

That Pentecost lunch was Halal because we had special guests joining our celebration: our new friends and neighbors, the Azizi family. We began 2022 discerning, listening to the Holy Spirit, how we would respond to the refugee emergency caused by the Taliban taking power in Afghanistan. We decided to partner with Lutheran Social Services, and in May we were paired with a family of 6: Abdul, Parima, Morsel, Mozdah, Razaq, and Neyaish Azizi. Be sure to read Deacon Lesley Krauland's report and Afghan Ministry coordinator Dana Smith's report to learn more about how we have been blessed to know the Azizi family. It has been beautiful to see how God has worked through the St. Luke's community in supporting this family as they make a new life for themselves in Maryland. Being able to invite friends, neighbors, and family members beyond the St. Luke's community into this effort has been one of the most beautiful surprises: a parishioner's adult child who lives close to the Azizi's

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PARISH

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November Special Dates

November Birthdays

William Leal	1
Jim Mills	7
Kate Legates	12
George Flett	15
Andrew Metzger-Sloan	19
Jack Metzger-Sloan	19
Brenda Curtis-Heiken	21
Colleen Hermach	21
Michelle Canick	24
Mike Votaw	25
Claudia Henemyre	28

1 November	All Saints Day; Book Lovers
5 November	David Hitchcock Memorial Service Supper Group
7 November	MCPS no school
8 November	Election Day; MCPS no school
11 November	Veterans' Day; Office open
13 November	Family Fun Day
15 November	Lunch and Conversation
20 November	Harvest Brunch
22-25 November	Office closed
24 November	Thanksgiving Day
24-25 November	MCPS no school
26 November	Sue Snyder Memorial service
27 November	First Sunday in Advent

December Birthdays

Larry Legates	2
Movita Hercules	3
Michele Greco	6
Anna Votaw	7
Carol Grattan	8
Maggie Pearson	9
Bill Casson	10
Ken Swab	12
Natalie Bergeron	15
Vonda O'Sullivan	15
Stewart Rouleau	16
John Elsbree	18
Miranda Marks	18
Tom Canick	19
Mary Dufour	23
Oliver Stewart	24
Diane Fox	26
Jim Marks	26

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December Special Dates

3 December	Josephine Sherfy Memorial Service	
11 December	ERD Celebration Family Fun Day	
23 December-2 January	MCPS closed	
24 December	Christmas Eve 5 pm Christmas Service (Zoom & In-person) 9 pm Christmas Service (Zoom & In-person)	
25 December	Christmas Day	
26-30 December	Office closed	
31 December	New Year's Eve	
26	Nathan Henemyre	28
27	Rebecca Huckabay	28
27	Lisa Secrest	29
27	Erica James	30
26	Leslyn Thorne	
24	Andi Pringle	
26	Dan Eberly	
26	Daphne Legates	

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If you do not see your birthday listed during the year, please contact the office.

SENIOR WARDEN



Deb Marks

Thinking About St. Luke's

Out of curiosity one day, I asked Jessica about the process for selecting Sr. Wardens. Jessica smiled and asked if I were volunteering. Laughing, I assured her that I was not, and quoted General Sherman: "If nominated, I will not run; if elected, I will not serve."

This turns out to be a perfect illustration of the expression, *never say never*, as a few years later, I'm writing my first ACTS article as the Sr. Warden. It's a slightly odd alignment of timing, as the ACTS deadline precedes the Annual Meeting and election of officers: I'm not the Sr. Warden as I write this. Already, however, I am buoyed up by expressions of thanks, and encouragement. Thank you for all of that! Thank you also to past Wardens who have generously shared helpful information with me. On the one hand, while I admittedly have some anxiety mixed in with my commitment to this role, I also know that few things at St. Luke's hinge on one single person—it's a *team* effort for sure. And equally as important as the word *team*, is the word, *effort*.

When our children were high school students in South Dakota, they participated in a strong, successful marching band program, including trips to march in the Rose Bowl Parade, and the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. As you can imagine, a lot of time and effort was required from the students, staff, and families. When a student complained once that they weren't enjoying their experience, the head band leader, Mr. Carlson said: *If you want to enjoy something more, then put more effort into it.*

Initially, Mr. Carlson's response felt counterintuitive to me... backwards even. I didn't think about it again until the end of that marching season, when one instrument group was acknowledged as the Most Improved Section. I knew how hard a particular student had worked to enhance his musicianship and marching skills, with the help and encouragement of others in his section. Of course, not all effort results in recognition (or marching bands); but Mr. Carlson's words often ring true to me.

Jim and I moved to Maryland in 2012. Jim visited St. Luke's first, enticed by the promise of pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, and was motivated to return after receiving a friendly reception. Shortly thereafter, I decided we would join a Supper Group gathering. Going to Supper Group might not sound like something requiring effort, but for me it was. It was an effort of will to call and say we would come, and it was an effort of will to show up to someone's home, with people I barely knew. Effort comes in all shapes and sizes. *Who feels it, knows it.*

The efforts that Jessica, Sarah, James, vestry, ministry leaders, and participants make are evident. Efforts that receive less notice are equally important and sacred. Sometimes, simply showing up requires effort. I hope that St. Luke's continues growing in ways for people to be and feel they are a part of this community, and that we value the preciousness of everyone's efforts.

Deb

PARISH

Reparations Symposium

Members of St. Luke's attended EDOW's Reparations Symposium on October 1st at Calvary Episcopal Church in DC. The day began with a keynote address from the Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas, Canon Theologian at Washington National Cathedral and Dean of Episcopal Divinity School at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. Rev. Dr. Brown's address stressed that the legacy of slavery is the archetype for white supremacy as it has expressed itself as racialized economic injustice. While sharing examples of this injustice, including redlining and racial covenants designed to keep black communities in less desirable neighborhoods and from accumulating generational wealth, as well as the ongoing legacy of these past practices, such as the wealth disparity between black and white Americans, Rev. Dr. Brown also discussed the theological implications of white supremacy in the United States. Most disheartening were statistics like less than 40% of white Christians believing that the legacy of slavery plays a role in the United States today. Rev. Dr. Brown's keynote also stressed that just as we are called to repair the breach for the sins of the past, we are also called to repair the breach between our unjust present and God's just future. Symposium attendees were reminded that this call is the Good News of the Gospels, and that **social justice is intrinsic to our identity as Christians.**

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The symposium also featured testimony from churches in the diocese where the work of discovering ties to wealth generated from slavery has begun. This included testimony from churches in our diocese that were established and supported from wealth built off of slavery, and black churches who were directly cut off from the benefits of that wealth. One of the testimonies came from St. John's Norwood, the congregation out of which St. Luke's grew. The research from St. John's Norwood showed, from writings from past rectors of the church, that the founders of the congregation were all enslavers, as well as extremely racist and bigoted. This testimony also featured a report from Franklin A. Robinson, Jr, an archivist who has been researching the eight root parishes that formed the diocese. His research focused on the years 1692-1864 to see their connections to wealth accumulated through slavery. While his research is still ongoing, he has already found instances of vestrymen and priests owning slaves during this time. These research findings also included proof of a parish, William and Mary Parish, Charles County, selling slaves in its possession and using the money gained from the sale for the use and benefit of the parish. **It is important to remember that regardless of whether a member of any given parish owned enslaved people, everyone participated in an economy supported in part by enslaved labor.**

The symposium provided attendees with the opportunity to learn more about EDOW's Reparations Taskforce, as well as play a part in laying groundwork for a resolution at the 2023 Diocesan Convention publicly acknowledging the harm discussed at the symposium. Attendees also engaged in meaningful and sacred discussion about what reparations could look like in our diocese, questions about the process, and areas for further discussion and learning. Attendees from St. Luke's left the symposium with a new perspective on the Diocese's connection to slavery, and eager to continue the conversation. **A copy of the recording of the symposium is available** for anyone who would like to view it. While the topics covered in the symposium are painful, we cannot atone for the harm already done if we do not name it.

Miranda Marks

PARISH



A Gift Toward Altar Flowers

If you wish to make a gift toward altar flowers, please feel welcome to use the special envelope in the pews. You may indicate whether it is a memorial or thanksgiving gift. Thank you.

Holly Stone for The Flower Guild

Occasional Source of Altar Flowers

Cliff and Margaret Johnson have been growing zinnias and dahlias for more than 12 years and have been active members of the National Capital Dahlia Society for most of that time. They have won several top prizes for their dahlias in local and



national shows. At least twenty of their zinnia plants for many years have been used in the Pollinator garden.



They love to open their gardens to the Flower Guild of St. Luke's to use their flowers for the altar. The Flower Guild has made many innovative uses of these flowers.

dahlias with parishioners.

In addition, Cliff and Margaret have shared bouquets of their zinnias and

Margaret Roper

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temporary home has become almost a part of their family, and residents around St. Luke's showed up en masse for a car wash/bake sale raising money for their first month's rent.

In June, a new effort was launched to welcome back younger members and their families who had been away from church the longest, due to not having access to vaccinations. Family Fun Day started with "Everybody loves rainbows" and continued with water play, bubble mania, thanking our first responders on Sept 11 which fell on a Sunday, and fall fun including crafts, face painting, and yard games. It has been good for everyone to see the front yard of St. Luke's full of laughter and joy and play. And then we enjoyed being in the Reaves room downstairs filled with laughter and joy and maybe even a little play when those who were available in the middle of the workday gathered for a time of catching up with old friends and making new ones.

We have some rebuilding to do in terms of two major forms of gifts the parish can't live without—gifts of time and gifts of money—but we also need to be compassionate with ourselves. Groceries and gas are so expensive right now, and the members of our community that live from invested retirement funds are feeling very squeezed right now. We want to say the pandemic is over, but our bodies and minds and spirits don't seem able to do all the things they used to do. Life takes so much more energy now, which means we at least feel like we have less energy and time to share.

At this moment, I hope we will remember the story of Jesus feeding the masses—with two fish and five loaves of bread. Whether you interpret that story as everyone being inspired by the generosity of the child to share their little bit, and Jesus's belief that there would be enough OR you believe that a miracle allowed one child's lunch to feed thousands. Either way, the story is relevant to our life. God has given us everything we need to do the work that God has called us to do. It falls on us to be willing to offer what seems like little to us, to offer our small contribution of time or energy or money to God, and dare to hope that God will take it from there.

Be gentle with yourselves and each other, and be hopeful towards God. We've come this far with God, and God will carry us forward.

Jessica

St. Lukers Out in the World

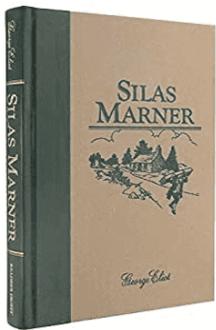
Sylvia Fraser Lu Wins Award for Her Latest Book

St. Lukers know Sylvia as an enormously creative member of the Flower Guild and the Garden Guild, and a regular attender at the 8:30 am Sunday service, where she often serves as a reader. But how many of us are aware that Sylvia is also a respected scholar and writer about Southeast Asian arts and crafts? And that her latest book, *Textiles in Burman Culture* has just won the R.L. Shep Award from the Textile Society of America for being the best book published in 2021 in the field of ethnic textiles studies.

Born in New Zealand, Sylvia served in New Zealand's version of the Peace Corps, became fluent in Mandarin, married a U.S. Foreign service career officer, and was for many years an educator in East and Southeast Asia. Her interest in the arts of Southeast Asia led to writing numerous articles and then full-scale scholarly books (published by Oxford University Press and Yale University Press, among others) about Burmese Lacquerware, Buddhist Monasteries, hand-woven textiles, batiks, silverware, and now the prize-winning *Textiles in Burman Culture*.

The panel of judges praised Sylvia's new book for its clear and engaging writing style, its wealth of well-captioned illustrations, and its broad use of historical perspectives.

Linda Freeman



Book Lovers

Calling All Who Hated Silas Marner

Linda Freeman writes: For many years, countless American high school students had George Eliot's little novella, *Silas Marner*, inflicted on them in bad presentations by English teachers everywhere, who may well have hated it as much as their students did. If you were one of those students, here is your chance to see Marner in a new light and perhaps even summon up a little Christian forgiveness for those overworked and suffering teachers.

Silas Marner is a story of old-fashioned village life written in 1861 by George Eliot (pen name of Mariann Evans), when she was at the height of her powers as the greatest of the 19th-century English novelists. Sometimes regarded as a moral fairy tale, it is full of genial humor and mellow portraiture, and some fairly pointed social criticism as well. And at about 250 pages, it is short. What's not to like??

Join the BookLovers group by Zoom for a lively discussion of *Silas Marner* on **4th January at 7:30 pm** led by Dr. Linda Freeman. A group therapy session for those traumatized by their first encounter with *Silas Marner* will be a bonus part of the gathering.

It's time to start choosing our books for next year. We'll vote again via a Google Form. Please send your book suggestions to Nancy. Each person can submit up to three book suggestions.

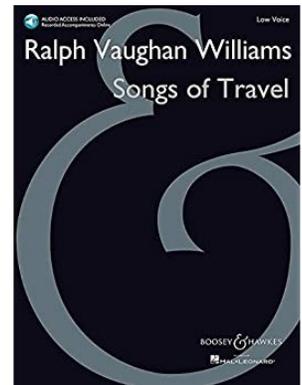
Please email Nancy Reding if you'd like to get on the email list. Everyone is welcome!

Nancy Reding

PARISH

Rogers and Simpson Delight Audience of St. Luke's Music Lovers

Well, it was worth waiting for. On Sunday, September 18, baritone James Rogers and pianist Andrew Earle Simpson performed a recital at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Bethesda of "Songs of Travel" by Ralph Vaughan Williams, a song cycle based on lyric poems by Robert Louis Stevenson. The performance, originally scheduled for June 19, had been disrupted, as have been so many other concerts recently, by an unanticipated emergence of the COVID virus. Fortunately for the eager St. Luke's audience, it was not cancelled, just postponed.



Anyone who has attended services in an Episcopal church sooner or later will become aware of Vaughan Williams. The compositions or settings of at least 27 separate hymns in the main hymnal are attributed to his adaption, composition, or harmonization; "For All the Saints" is perhaps the best known. But who knew about this lovely song cycle?

And many of us knew Stevenson's poetry from childhood encounters with "My Shadow" or "The Land of Counterpane" in his *A Child's Garden of Verse*. But how many of us were aware of his powerful adult lyric poems?

Well, James Rogers and Andrew Earle Simpson were aware, and they kindly shared these glories, performing them in the clear, live acoustics of the St. Luke's sanctuary. From the ongoing walking rhythms of "The Vagabond" to the more ballad-like "Whither must I wander" the nine songs of the cycle presented a variety of forms and moods, depicting possibly both the anguish and the beauty of the wanderer's spiritual journey--and thoroughly transporting their delighted audience in the process.

James Rogers, the son of long-time St. Lukers, Pat and Pete Rogers, has been active for 20 years as a soloist in operas, oratorios, and recitals in the Washington, D.C. area. Andrew Earle Simpson is a composer, pianist, conductor, and professor of music at the Catholic University of America.

Linda Freeman

Lunch & Conversation on Tuesday, November 15



A dozen or so of us gathered on Oct 18th to share conversation and cookies while we enjoyed brown bag lunch - WE HAD A GREAT TIME! Very casual, very fun, very good for our hearts and spirits.

We will meet again at **noon on Tuesday, November 15** downstairs in the Reaves Room - bring your own lunch, or just come for the company! Treats will be provided.

Marie Holbrook and Judy Rice

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Guest Preacher for All Saints Sunday - Please Join Us!



On November 6th, we will observe All Saints Sunday by hosting Mike Molina, Head of School of the Bishop Walker School for Boys (BWS) as our guest preacher. The school, named in honor of the first African American bishop of the Diocese, is a tuition-free independent school rooted in the traditions of Episcopal education, current research on boys' social and intellectual development, a progressive educational approach, and the educational philosophy of Bishop Walker. BWS was established in 2008 as the Episcopal Diocese of Washington's response to the serious educational challenges facing African American boys in the low-income communities east of the Anacostia River. Today, the BWS faculty, administration, and staff are instrumental in doing the work of racial reconciliation in the Diocese and beyond—and thus are doing the work of modern-day saints.

With nearly twenty years of professional experience as an educator, education advocate, and non-profit leader in diverse environments, Mike earned a J.D. from Yale Law School after receiving his B.A. in English from Xavier University of Louisiana. Mike arrived at BWS early in the COVID pandemic, after heading a wrap-around student support program for boys of color at Gilman School in Baltimore. Notably last year, BWS achieved Middle States Association accreditation under his leadership.

Mike will be joined by Stephen Crochet, the school's new Director of Development, and a full Coffee Hour will follow both services. Please plan to join us!

Marta Montoro

Samaritan Ministry Gift Card Collections for those in need:

Please participate in these annual drives to help families and children during the holidays.

THANKSGIVING: \$25/\$50 cards from
GIANT, WALMART +/-or TARGET
Narthex Collection Dates: Oct 30 & Nov 6th
(Front Porch Bin: Oct 24-Nov 5th)

CHRISTMAS & KWANZAA: \$25 cards
TARGET, WALMART, MASTERCARD, VISA
Collection Dates: Nov 20, 27 & Dec 4th
(Front Porch Bin: Nov 21-Dec 3rd)

Contact: Dee Barish or Deb Marks

Samaritan Ministry 2022 GALA: "Equipping for Change!"

We hope that you will join us at the Gala on Saturday, November 5th, 5:30-8:30 pm. This in-person event, emceed by Rev. T.P. Morrow, takes place at St. Andrew's Episcopal School (8804 Postoak Rd., Potomac), and is also available via livestream. Come and enjoy hors d'oeuvres, the Silent Gift Basket & Live Auctions, and Awards Program, where Next-Step Honoree, Mr. Benjamin Timothy Morgan will receive the *Outstanding Achievement Award*.

Register at <https://Samaritanministry.org/Gala>.

Dee Barish, Peter Stelnyk, Jack Orick, Deb Marks



FINANCE

FINANCE REPORT SEPTEMBER 2022

	2022 Budget	'22 Actual Thru Sept	% of '22 Budget *
RECEIPTS			
Offering Plate	\$ 20,000	\$ 8,739	44%
Pledge Payments	440,000	347,335	79%
Use by Outside Organizations	30,000	31,248	104%
Altar Flower Donations	4,500	2,724	61%
Miscellaneous		56	
Operating Receipts	494,500	390,102	79%
EXPENSES			
Staff Compensations	\$ 359,626	\$ 273,831	76%
Church Activities	18,750	8,471	45%
Parish Operations	109,500	60,975	56%
Community Engagement (Outreach)	22,000	17,929	81%
Diocesan Giving	52,000	39,006	75%
Operating Expenses	561,876	400,212	71%
Surplus/(Deficit)	(67,376)	(10,110)	
Additional Funding – reserves	67,376	0	
Net Revenue	\$ 0	\$ (10,110)	

ENDOWMENT FUND BALANCE \$120,336* YTD September = 75% of the year

Budget Analysis: Donations for Plate and Altar Flowers were less than straight-line budget projections, but Use by Outside Organizations and Pledge payments were all ahead of projections. Expenses for Staff Compensations and Community Engagement were ahead of straight-line budget projections, but Church Activities, Parish Operations, and Diocesan Giving were all less than or equal to projections, resulting in Net Deficit at the end of September of \$10,110.

Thank you for your continued support.

All financial obligations for the year to date have been met and bills paid.

There is a change to the reimbursement process: *If you need to be reimbursed for a purchase or need the Treasurer to pay an invoice, please send an email to the office at admin@stlukesbethesda.org instead of using an orange reimbursement form. Include the receipt, the amount, and the purpose for the expense. All requests for extra money or donations by committees or church members, should have prior approval of the Vestry before solicitation.*

Susan Casson, Acting Treasurer

CALENDAR

November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 5th Sunday 8:30am Worship Service (in-person only) 10:00am Worship Service (in-person & Zoom) 4:00pm <i>Dog training classes</i> 5:00pm <i>Cristo La Roca</i> 8:30pm <i>Youth AA</i>	31 8:00pm <i>Men's AA Meeting</i>	1 11:00am Staff Meeting 2:30 pm Memorial Garden Meeting 7:30pm Book Lovers (Zoom)	2 12:00pm Noonday Prayer (Zoom) 5:30pm <i>Dog training classes</i> 8:00pm Choir Rehearsal	3 8:00pm <i>Women's AA meeting</i>	4	5 11:00am David Hitchcock Memorial Service 5:00pm Talk & Pray (Zoom service) 6:00pm Supper Group 6:30pm <i>Cristo La Roca</i>
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11 Advent III 8:30am Worship Service (in-person only) 9:00am ERD Celebration 10:00am Worship Service (in-person & Zoom) 11:00am Family Fun Day 4:45pm <i>Dog training</i> 5:00pm <i>Cristo La Roca</i> 8:30pm <i>Youth AA</i>	12 7:00pm Finance Meeting 8:00pm <i>Men's AA Meeting</i>	13 11:00am Staff Meeting	14 12:00pm Noonday Prayer (Zoom) 3:00pm <i>Piano Lessons</i> 8:00pm Choir Rehearsal	15 3:00pm <i>Piano Lessons</i> 8:00pm <i>Women's AA meeting</i>	16	17 5:00pm Talk & Pray (Zoom service) 6:30pm <i>Cristo La Roca</i>
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You give us life; you give us hope; you give us your very self. Take our offerings—and our very selves—that your will may be done in our church, in our community, and throughout your wide and beautiful world. Amen.



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