



The SCOOP

The Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, May 2009

As a reflection of God's love and grace, the mission of St. Luke's Episcopal Church is to glorify God and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ through faithful prayer and worship, a nurturing fellowship and service to God's people in our community and the world.

*Welcome to our new Interim
Priest
The Rev. Dex Bender
St. Luke's is thrilled to have
you among us!*

*WIFE, Rev. Heidi Bender, a Methodist
Minister*

Happenings at St. Luke's in May!

May 3rd: Celebrate St. Luke's at the Strain's (1704 Roseberry Drive)

On Sun. afternoon (4:00 for the guys) (and 5:00 or AFTER the ECW meeting for the ladies)

We will have a **CELEBRATE ST. LUKE'S PICNIC** in our back yard. Several willing hands will cook the **barbecue** and I will have a "**keg**". Bring a dish and anything else you or your family might want to drink. We will have paper goods. *We have enough seating, so you don't need to bring your chairs.* Do bring the whole family! We want this to be a real celebration. Hope to see **ALL members and their guests** here on the 3rd. **BRING YOUR GUITARS AND WE'LL SING A BIT.** *Happy trails,* Bill Strain

PICNIC, MAY 17, 5:00 p.m.

At the PHILLIPS FARM

Please mark **May 17** on your calendars. We will have a church picnic at **Ann and Harold Phillips'** farm celebrating the beginning of summer vacation. **May 17 is the last day of Sunday School** before the next school year. It will be a **covered dish meal** and plenty of room for kids and grown-ups to play. *The gator will be available for rides.* If it storms or rains as it did last year, we will huddle in the barn until it is over. Bring a **dish, a smile, your favorite drinks**, your old shoes, friends, a sense of adventure and an attitude to "roll with the flow". This invitation is for **EVERYONE**. If you have been to St. Luke's all your life, one time, planning to come, thinking it over, know someone who goes to St. Luke's or are looking for a meal, **COME ON SUNDAY EVENING, MAY 17 AT 5:00 PM.**

If you would like to serve on this committee, let Ann know.

THE WoRM in APRIL/MAY



THE WORM IN MAY

Summer is coming and so is the end of Sunday School. We will have a 'SECRET" ART WORKSHOP the week before Mother's Day. Also we have an end of Sunday school celebration with our last Bible Bucks store, and popcorn and movie. After Sunday School there will be a beginning of Summer party at the Phillips farm. HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

Ms. Jennifer

Thank you to St. Luke's Family!

Thank you for your cards, prayers and food in remembrance of the passing of my Mom.

We appreciate your kindness and friendship

Donna & Stan Merck

Jubilate Choir!

Thank all of you choir members who presented us with your songs on Palm Sunday. Your were wonderful and all your voices filled the Church with Praises to God. Thank you.

Acolyte Training May 6th at 4:30 p.m
Please note that all new and all OLD acolytes are requested to be at this meeting.

DO YOU HAVE A ST. LUKE'S MAGNET ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR?

They are available on the ECW table in Bradford Hall. Take a couple extra to give to friends and invite them to come to church.

St. Luke's

The WoRM in May

Memory Verse: Isaiah 43:10 "My people you are my witness and my chosen servant. I want you to know me, to trust me, and understand that I alone am God.. I have always been God; there can be no others."

May 3, 2009

Assembly Music

Bill Strain/B Bridges

-Pre-School

Nursery

- K, -2nd

Art-

- 3rd, - 6th

for

-Teacher

all

- 7th & 8th

grades

-Teacher

May 10, 2009

Assembly Music

No

- Pre-School

Sunday

- K, -3rd

School

- Teachers

Mothers

- 4th -6th

Day

- Teacher

- 7th & 8th

- Teachers

May 17, 2009

Movie/Popcorn

**No Sunday School,
Bible Bucks Store
Open- Movie and
Popcorn to Celebrate
the end of Sunday
School and beginning
of Summer Recess!**

THE CALENDAR

2009

May

Wednesday, April 29

- 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, April 30

- 9:00 a.m. Master Gardeners

- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

Sunday, May 3

- 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

- 10:30 a.m. Coffee Parish Hall

- 10:55 a.m. Sunday School

- 2:00 p.m. ECW at Church

- 4:00 p.m. Celebrate St. Luke's-Strain's

Wednesday, May 6

- 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, May 7

- 9:00 a.m. Master Gardeners

- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

Sunday, May 10

Mothers Day

- 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

- 10:30 a.m. Coffee Parish Hall

- 10:55 a.m. No Sunday School

Monday, May 11

- 5:15 p.m. Vestry

Tuesday, May 12

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship

- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

Wednesday, May 13

- 4:30 p.m. Common Threads

- 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, May 14

- 9:00 a.m. Master Gardeners

- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

Sunday, May 17

- 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

- 10:30 a.m. Coffee Parish Hall

- 10:55 a.m. Sunday School/ Bible Bucks/Movie

- 5:00 p.m. Fun on the Farm Picnic-Phillip's

Wednesday, May 20

- 4:30 p.m. Common Threads

- 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, May 24

- 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

- 10:30 a.m. Coffee Parish Hall

Wednesday, May 27

- 4:30 p.m. Common Threads

- 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, May 31

- 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

- 10:30 a.m. Coffee Parish Hall

WORSHIP LEADERS

May

2009

Monthly Assignments

Altar Bobbie Estes and Coleen Cantrell

Vestry Ann Phillips

May 3

LEM Bill White

Lector Perry Jeffrey

Prayers Don Word

Crucifer Anna Richard

1st Server Christina Richard

2nd Server Mark Richard

Usher Don Word

Flowers Sanders

May 10

LEM Perry Jeffrey

Lector Carter Jones

Prayers E. J. Woyton

Crucifer Gracie Estes

1st Server Madison Estes

2nd Server Everett Estes

Usher E. J. Woyton

Flowers Bridges

May 17

LEM Lynette Nicholas

Lector Barbara Martin

Prayers Tom Bragg

Crucifer Erin Valentine

1st Server Shelby Valentine

2nd Server Allison Valentine

Usher Cameron Holland

Flowers Lori & Bruce Yates

May 24

LEM Bill White

Lector Lynette Nicholas

Prayers Danny Bridges

Crucifer Anna Richard

1st Server Faith Bonitz

2nd Server Hope Bonitz

Usher Tim Haston

Flowers Jeffreys

May 31

LEM Rufus Bethea

Lector J. P. Parsons

Prayers Henry Cannon

Crucifer Rachael Graham

1st Server Everett Estes

2nd Server Madison Estes

Usher Perry Jeffrey

Flowers Cameron & Kelli Holland

Help keep the book racks on the back of our pews in good repair. As our pews are very old, please do not put the Alleluia II books in racks behind another book. This causes the nails to become loose and also cracks the wood. It is very hard to repair these book racks. Thank you. St. Luke's

MOSES' BASKET CELEBRATIONS

The Missions Committee will host the second annual Moses' Basket celebration of Mother's Day. And, this year we will include Father's Day! So, be sure to remember those special men and women in your life with a gift to Moses' Basket in their honor. Mother's Day is May 10th and Father's Day is June 21st.

Please make a donation to Moses' Basket of \$5. (or more!) for each name you wish to honor. The names you honor will be printed on colorful replicas of the Moses' Basket and added to a display in Bradford Hall.

Although Moses' Basket receives funding through the Missions budget and was again awarded a Diocesan Mission Grant in 2008, the need exceeds our available funds by year end. Each basket costs approximately \$80.00.

As reported in the parish annual report, Moses' Baskets were provided last year for ninety- six babies referred to us by the Jackson County Health Department. Before January 1, 2009, Chairperson Betty Jo Bethea, had received eleven new referrals. In the third week of April, an additional sixteen baskets are being prepared.

The Missions Committee will also host a Moses' Basket baby shower in the early Fall. A list of items needed will be provided for the "grandmothers" among us who enjoy shopping.

Be sure to watch for future issues of the Alabama Episcopalian. The ECW page will feature our Moses' Basket project. St Luke's is making a difference in our community, a positive difference that is recognized throughout the diocese. Thank you for your caring support of Moses' Basket.

Gini Stone
Missions Comm. Chair

We welcome our new Confirmands:

Everett Estes
Lynn McCoy
Glen McCoy
Jennifer McDaniel
Gregory McDaniel
Janet Kay Glasgow, Reaffirmation
Stan & Donna as new members not yet confirmed due to the death of Donna's mother on Palm Sunday.

RECEPTION on MAY 17th

At Coffee hour on the May 17th, the Daughters of the King will host a reception to honor our Vestry and Wardens. Please be sure to come and to thank our Vestry, Ann and Perry for their faithful service as we look with great expectation to the future in St Luke's.

Ruth Chapter, DOK

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE VESTRY

The Vestry met last night and the following policies have been revised.

The church will remain unlocked unless future circumstances deem otherwise.

There is a key to Bradford Hall in Marilyn's office. Marilyn's office is open from 8 to 12 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. If you need it for official church duties, you may sign out and sign in for it. We need to track the key in case it is needed by someone else.

You will find a copy of the policy for Bradford Hall in your church mailbox. It is the policy for the use of the hall or anything in the building. This policy has been in place for sometime but may not be familiar to some of you. I didn't know of it until I became Senior Warden. We plan to make it very visible in the hall as a reminder to all of us. While we want to make the building available to members who are giving their service to the church, we don't want to abuse the use of the building or the property belonging to all the members who support St. Luke's.

Peace

Ann P

Moses' Basket

MOTHER'S DAY MAY 10, 2009

Remember a special woman who has made a difference in your life with a gift in her honor to
MOSES' BASKET.

I wish to honor _____
Name of Honoree

With a gift of \$_____ to Moses' Basket.

Given by: Name _____

Moses' Basket is an outreach ministry of St Luke's serving needy mothers with layettes for newborns. Approximately \$80 is spent on each Moses' Basket referred to St Luke's by DHR, CASA or JCHD. **In appreciation for the life and ministry Betty Jo Bethea.**

The UTO Committee was honored to visit the Diocese of the Dominican Republic in January. While there we were able to personally see much of the wonderful work United Thank Offering grants have made possible in this impoverished, island nation. Records show this diocese received UTO grants as early as 1931. Between 1964 and 2008, they have received 33 grants totaling over \$1.5 million. They now have 24 schools, 65 missions, 26 church buildings, 3 clinics, 4 children's shelters, and 10 missionaries. The Episcopal Church is growing rapidly in this traditionally Roman Catholic nation.

Our grants funds are only a drop in the bucket compared to the needs of these people. The poorest neighborhoods in Scottsboro would be luxury housing for many/most people there.

Many of the UTO grants have built multi-purpose buildings that are used as schools during the week and as places of worship on Sundays. In many cases a UTO grant built the first floor years ago and as the need grew, a later grant built an additional second floor. (Can you imagine building a church/school of cement and stone in Alabama for \$81,000?)

A 1991 grant for \$40,000 in matching funds bought a centrally located, safe, permanent site for the Diocesan Office in Santo Domingo where staff and facilities provide support for new and expanding mission work.

A 2004 grant for \$70,000 built a two-story annex to a health clinic that serves the masses of uninsured residents of San Pedro de Macoris. (The cost of a visit is \$3, if the person can pay anything – half goes to the clinic and half to the doctor.) The focus of the ministry of Drs. Michael and Anita Dahn, who gave us a tour of the facility, is health education – the most promising way to fight malnutrition, severe sanitation problems, and intestinal parasites; the results of their work has been very positive.

In 2006, a grant for \$70,000 built the first two stories of an apartment building adjacent to the Dominican Republic's only Episcopal seminary to provide much needed safe housing for seminary students.

In our visits to seven Episcopal schools we found happy, polite children who were busy with their schoolwork. (For the most part, classrooms were overcrowded with few visible learning materials.) Several classes sang for us and posed for photos. Each member of the UTO Committee had taken small gifts to distribute – things like pencils, pens, books, toothbrushes, hair barrettes and ribbons; things most students could not afford.

The last school we visited was a preschool in a filthy, drug-infested neighborhood in Santiago where the school provided their only safe place to spend the day and their only source of food and childcare. Parents were drug addicts, prostitutes, criminals or in prison. The love and care these children received at this church school was obvious. Along with other gifts we gave them, the children really enjoyed the balloons.

As you can see from this brief article, the coins and dollars you drop in your blue box do make a profound difference in the lives of those in need, particularly in countries like the Dominican Republic. With today's shrinking economic conditions in our country as well as abroad, those coins and dollars in the blue box will have an even greater impact on expanding the mission and ministry of the Episcopal Church now. Fill your blue box to overflowing; there will be a Spring UTO Ingathering in May.

Zona Tounsley

May

Birthdays:

3 Anna Richard
8 Ashley Holland
10 Ann Phillips
12 Sidney Underwood
13 Jennifer Doss
13 John Will White
16 Janet Sage
22 Cindy Butler
23 Violet Martin
26 Landon Martin
27 Lawson Robinson
28 Sue DeWitt
28 Charles Bradford
29 Chez' Hooks
30 Heather Armstrong

CONGRATULATIONS!! ON THE BIRTH OF YOUR NEW BABY!

Name: Banks Moody Bradford

Weight 7# 11 oz Length 19 1/2 inches

Proud Grandparents: Brad & Nancy Bradford

Parents: Chad & Emily Bradford

Sisters: Collin & Smith

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Caroline Whitten, Caleb, Caroline & Jarrod Goss (M. Spittler's family), Jimmy Spears, Sue Hollis, Jerry Bridges, Margaret Sutton, Joe Hailey (friends of Christine Sage), Dorothy Krall (June Woyton's sister-in-law) and David Burnett.



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The Rev. Dex Bender, Interim Rector

Services

Sunday Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m.

Sunday School

10.45 a.m.

Coffee Time 10:30 a.m.