



ST. LUKE'S WINGS

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

October 2008

10/4	"Spiritual Connections" Jazz, 6:30pm
10/5	Adult Forum, noon
10/5	Pet Blessing, 4pm
10/7	Bible Study, noon
10/8	Meet Mark, 7pm
10/12	Adult Forum, noon
10/14	Bible Study, noon
10/15	Meet Mark, 6:30pm
10/18	Clean & Green, 9am
10/19	Forum: Bishop Donovan, noon
10/19	The Big Din, 5pm
10/21	Bible Study, noon
10/22	Meet Mark, 6:30pm
10/23-10/26	Christophany Weekend
10/26	Empty Bowls, noon
10/28	Bible Study, noon
10/29	Meet Mark, 6:30pm

Rector Emeritus – The Rt. Rev. Herbert A. Donovan, Jr.

This month we will celebrate St. Luke's Day on October 19. At 5:00 p.m. we will gather for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at the Rectory followed by a parish wide dinner in the Assembly Hall. That morning, we will do what we do best as a community – we will sing, pray and praise God in worship – giving thanks for God in this community and how our life in this community with God has and continues to transform us.

Our preacher that day will be The Rt. Rev. Herbert A. Donovan, Jr. who will add a new title to his amazing list of accomplishments – Rector Emeritus of St. Luke's Montclair. The vestry and wardens voted unanimously to "call" Bishop Donovan to this new "position" and our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Mark Beckwith, agreed with our decision.

As many of you know, Bishop Donovan was rector of St. Luke's for most of the 70's before being called to be the Bishop of Arkansas in 1980 where he served until 1993. While he resigned as Bishop of Arkansas in 1993, his retirement has been anything but inactive.

He is currently serving as an Assisting Bishop of New York and serves on the Board of Trustees of Bard College as well as being the Chair of the Friends of Cuttington University in Liberia. Among his favorite jobs in retirement was a stint as the Anglican Observer to the United Nations. The demand for his skills, wit and faith has kept him occupied in a variety of different things – living proof that we never quite know where God will lead us if we just say yes.

In naming Bishop Donovan Rector Emeritus we hope to honor the magnificent work he has done throughout the Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion in the nearly three decades since leaving St. Luke's. This is also an opportunity for this community to embrace the rich history of St. Luke's as we continue to respond to where God is calling us.

Bishop Donovan will preach at the 10:00 service and lead the Adult Forum at noon in the Assembly Hall. If their schedule permits, he and Mary may join us for the Big Din that evening.

We hope the Donovan's will use St. Luke's as a comfortable place to visit, knowing that they are always welcome in this joy-filled, Christ-Centered community. Hopefully we will get to hear him preach once-a-year or so, and join him in supporting various efforts around the world.

It has been an absolute pleasure for me to have served with the bishop several times in the past year. My hope is that we will all get to experience his wisdom and charm as we continue to grow and change in response to God's call.

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The Rev. John A. Mennell

NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

SLYP Rehearsals October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 at 7:30 p.m.
St. Luke's Youth Players continue rehearsals for their next production on Friday nights. For more info, contact [Charlene Dalton](#) or [Kathy DeWalt](#).

Spiritual Connections

October 4 at 7:00 p.m.
Great jazz by flautist Keith Marks; spoken word artist Joanne "N'Jie" Ashe; coffee, tea and light refreshments. Tickets at the door: \$15 Single; \$25 Couple. For more information about this event contact [Cordelza Haynes](#).



Blessing of the Animals October 5 at 4:00 p.m.
Join us in honoring The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi by blessing our furry, feathered and finned friends. We will be joined by The Rev. Ann Ralosky of the First Congregational Church. Encourage friends and neighbors to bring their pets for blessing. For more information about this service contact [Janet Chisholm](#).

One with Christ October 12 at 1:00 p.m.
St. Lukers, if you are the only adult in your household on a journey in the Episcopal Church, this is for you! Our next meeting is a brunch at the Town Pub in Bloomfield. If you can attend, please RSVP to brocking@slechurch.org so that you can be included in the reservations. Directions will be provided.

CROP Walk October 19 at 2:00 p.m.
CROP = Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty. The Essex County CROP WALK, one of over 2000 across the United States, has set a goal of raising at least \$20,000 to help stop hunger locally and around the world. Last year's CROP Walk totaled more than \$24,000. (St. Luke's raised \$1,793 of which \$1427 came from our group of walkers and \$366 from our AIM offerings). Of the \$24,000 total raised last year, over \$5,900 was donated by Church World Services (CROP's parent) to local food pantries, including Toni's Kitchen!

A few reasons to participate:

- ♥ Over 854 million people around the world remain in hunger and poverty
- ♥ Each day, more than 16,000 children die from hunger related causes
- ♥ Hungry people in developing countries typically walk as much as six miles a day to get food, water, and fuel.

We walk in solidarity with their struggle for existence. Last year we had 6 walkers; this year we should have at least double that -- particularly considering that a 3 mile walk will build up an appetite for the practically legendary, and certainly outstanding BIG DIN to be held that evening! Please contact [Mike Alberga](#) to participate.

BIRTHDAYS

10/5	Russell Taliaferro
10/6	Suzanne Poor
10/15	Maxwell Koiso
10/23	Jack Mennell
10/24	Joan Mayo
10/24	Sarah Stransky
10/26	Betsy Burgess
10/27	Sue Villarosa
10/29	Meredith Wilkinson

ANNIVERSARIES

10/2	Oneida & Tom Laws
10/25	Betsy & Dave Ginsburg

FLOWER MEMORIALS

8/17	In thanksgiving for the birthday of Jennie Antonucci by Maurice Mannion-Vanover.
8/31	In loving memory of T. Ramsey "Bill" Kenny by Elizabeth Gracy Kenny.
9/7	In thanksgiving for the Wedding Anniversary of Jill & Wilfred Eden by Jill & Wilfred Eden.
9/14	In thanksgiving for the 18th birthday of Maurice Mannion-Vanover by Tim Mannion & Tim Vanover.
9/21	In loving memory of Vera T. Moore by Don Moore.

St. Luke's Day & The Big Din October 19 at 5:00 p.m.

- Who:** The entire parish, i.e., everyone who goes or has gone or wants to go to St. Luke's including children of all ages
- What:** **St. Luke's Day Big Dinner Extravaganza**
- When:** **Sunday, October 19, 5:00 p.m.**
- Where:** **The Rectory first...
The Assembly Room later**
- Why:** To celebrate our joyful and very special St. Luke's family;
To welcome Bishop Herb Donovan as our Rector Emeritus;
To renew old friendships and embrace new ones; and
To have a fabulous time!
- Sign up:** **ASAP** to come, and *as you are able*, to help with a chore and/or bring a homemade appetizer or dessert.
- How:** Sign up sheets in the back of the church; or e-mail (preferred) the Church Office, brocking@slechurch.org or (973)744-6220.
- Suggested Donation:** \$10 per adult;
Children 12 and under – Free;
\$30 maximum per family
- More Info:** Stephanie Borsi, artnsteph@aol.com or (973)492-5883
Sue Villarosa, svillarosa@aol.com or (973)744-1272



Buzz: Guaranteed to be fabulous by Borsi and Villarosa, this event will replace the annual Thanksgiving Dinner this year and is clearly a "must do" event. The dinner menu designed by Ann Marie Senior will be a palate pleaser for all and the emphasis this year will be on homemade appetizers and desserts whenever possible. The food and drink will be plentiful, the company delightful, and the settings beautiful. Pity the poor parishioner who has to miss this Big Din.....for it promises to be subtly surprising and spectacular – a one-of-a-kind, not to be missed, fun for the whole family, big dinner extravaganza!

Empty Bowls at Toni's Kitchen October 26, 12:00 noon

Toni's Kitchen is participating in World Hunger Relief Week with a special "Empty Bowls" lunch on Sunday, October 26 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. "Empty Bowls" events like this are happening all across America. What is this and how can you be involved locally? Area artisans, adults and children from the community have been busy designing, creating and glazing beautiful one of a kind bowls to be used to increase awareness of world and local hunger. Come for lunch at Toni's Kitchen. Select a bowl. Have it filled with soup and take some bread. Then sit at the same tables where Toni's Kitchen guests sit every Thursday, Friday and Saturday for lunch.

You keep your bowl as a reminder that there are always "empty bowls" in the world. In exchange for this meal of soup, bread and the bowl, you are asked for a donation of ten dollars. All proceeds will go to support Toni's Kitchen.

Toni's Kitchen is grateful to the local artisans, representatives of the Montclair Art Museum and committee members who are sponsoring this event for the benefit of Toni's Kitchen. It is chaired by Elizabeth Smith Jacobs of The Clay Studio. Read more about the national "Empty Bowls" organization at www.emptybowls.net

Flower Memorials and Thanksgivings Throughout October

Memorials and thanksgivings are always welcomed, particularly open dates are flowers for Bishop Donovan's reception as Rector Emeritus on October 19, (St. Luke's Day), the "Big Din" that night, and November 2 (All Saint's Day). Your generosity in providing funds for flowers is greatly appreciated!

Toni's Kitchen (The Musical) Saturday, November 1 at 6:00 p.m.

(Dinner/Performance at 7:00 p.m.)

A fundraiser for Toni's Kitchen: Dinner and a Musical featuring The Kitchenettes, an all-star cast of volunteers from Toni's Kitchen. \$65 per ticket; seating is limited on a first come, first serve basis. Come for the food and for the fun! For more information, see Mary Ann Renn or email Toni's Kitchen, soup@toniskitchen.org.



Christ Child Project

As in previous years, St. Luke's people will provide help to the Youth Consultation Service Therapeutic Learning Center for at least eight families and Christmas gifts for other children in the TLC. Forms indicating the needs of the families and lists of suitable presents will be made available early in November before the Train, to receive the gifts, is placed in the Church at the beginning of Advent. The St. Luke's Choir with guidance from Stephanie Borsi has, for many years, provided toiletries for the eighteen men living at the Diocesan Apostle's House in Newark. This year, the Choir would welcome having members of the congregation contribute individual toilet articles to augment what they do. In the past, the YCS Youth-In-Action Program has received individual gifts from the Christ Child Project. Unfortunately, that Program has recently been discontinued because of financial constraints.

Stella Osemwegie, Director of TLC, will come to St. Luke's to talk about the Program and how important it is to have this relationship with St. Luke's. See [Rosanne Morey](#) for more information.

Energy Task Force

St. Luke's is looking for a few good men and women! An Energy Task Force is being formed to work on a comprehensive energy audit of our buildings, facilitated by the organization, Greenfaith, to help us be better stewards and to find ways to cut what we spend on energy, particularly heating oil. For more information please speak to [Janet Chisholm](#) or [John Mennell](#).

Last year's winter SLYP performance.



Last year's Christophany.