St. Luke's Episcopal Church is a Christian community composed of free thinkers who include conservatives, moderates, liberals, skeptics, believers & atheists. All are welcome!

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Please take this home with you today.

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church - Springfield, Virginia

You Power of Wisdom
by Susan Tilt
(Fabric art, 2003, 14” x 14”)
St. Christopher’s Episcopal Church - Springfield, Virginia

I am intrigued by phrases and ideas derived from everyday life that spark the imagination, and with the help of the Spirit, emerge as fiber images and abstractions. I design and handcraft contemporary liturgical vestments and accept commissions.

With what spiritual practice will adopt or engage in this year.

What practice can emerge from who you are and your gifts?

TO OUR GUESTS - WELCOME - THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY!
All spiritual seekers who are searching for an approach to faith that makes the most sense to them personally are welcome here!
In Need of Prayer or Home Communion?
St. Luke’s Prayer Ministers are available during the 10:30 AM service to pray with you. If you would like a name added to our Prayer Chain or someone who needs Home Communion, contact Beckie in the Church Office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR.............
THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY:
Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Scott, our Diocesan Bishop and for ALL the people and parishes in our diocese. Pray especially for the Standing Committee, Diocesan Council and the Commission on Ministry. And for all people within the world-wide Anglican Communion: Pray for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

OUR NATION & ITS LEADERS:
Our government leaders that they may live & work in a spirit of calm reason & cooperation on behalf of the common good.

THOSE WHO ARE FACING SUFFERING & HARDSHIP:
Robert (husband of Iris Thompson), Jennifer (Strachan), Randy & Dave (brothers of Beckie Raemer), Jane (friend of Leslie Wood) Julie (niece of Don Wood) Urs (brother in law of Stacey Reko) Gabrielle (daughter of Bernadette Rothman), Fred (brother in law of Linda Sears) Derrell (Reeves), Melissa & Mike (daughter and son-in-law of the Jennings) Von (friend of Derrell & Teddi Reeves)

THE HUMAN COMMUNITY AROUND THE WORLD:
† Pray for our nation and the whole human community that we may find the wisdom to live in greater respect and harmony with each other and our planet home.
† For safety and recovery for all people effected by natural disasters throughout the world.
† For healing for every soul captured by fear, bigotry and resentment. May we all develop the ability to see the Sacred in those most different from ourselves.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED…….

PLEASE GIVE THANKS FOR…..
Our Rector Charles Robinson and his family.

For those having Birthdays this week:
Diego Ize today; Al Galik on Monday; Emily Fiscus & Charlie Martz on Wednesday and Fr. Charles Robinson on Friday.

Our Parish Community Prayer list: ++ Please note that we will place a + after each name for each week the name is on our prayer list. After four weeks (++++) the name will be removed unless otherwise requested.
The Scriptures
Christmas 2a - January 5, 2020

COLLECT OF THE DAY: On this second Sunday following Christmas Day, we pray for the faith to listen carefully to the quiet voices of wisdom and compassion that speak within us; with Jesus our Brother, Teacher and Lord. Amen.

FROM THE HEBREW TRADITION:
Our passage from the Hebrew tradition comes from the 31st chapter of the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah. Please read with me by reading the parts in bold print.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

Here ends the reading.

FROM THE TRADITION OF CONFUCIANISM:
Please read with me by reading the parts in bold print.

What are "the things which men consider right"? Kindness on the part of the father, and filial duty on that of the son; gentleness on the part of the elder brother, and obedience on that of the younger; righteousness on the part of the husband, and endurance on that of the wife; kindness on the part of elders, and deference on that of juniors; with benevolence on the part of the ruler, and loyalty on that of the minister;--these ten are the things which men consider to be right. Here ends the reading.

FROM THE CHRISTIAN GOSPELS: Matthew 2:13-23
Priest: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John.
People: Gloria to you, Lord Christ.
After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

OFFERTORY SENTENCES:
Priest: Now my brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, when you come to the Table of the Lord come not only to receive the presence of the Lord, but also to give your life completely to Him. As Jesus said, “The greatest commandments are these.”
People: You shall love the Lord your God with all you heart, soul and mind; and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

[Hebrew & Christian scripture passages are reprinted with permission from the World Council of Churches. Passages and commentary from World Scriptures were edited by Andrew Wilson.]

(The full text of today’s sermon can be found on the Information Table in front of the sound booth and in Thursday’s all-parish e-newsletter. Please set your spam filter to accept all emails from pastor@stlukespc.org.)

Please Save The Date for
Tuesday, January 21!
St. Luke’s will be cooking and serving dinner at the Christian Center. It’s always a fun event to join together and feed the many seasonal employees that descend upon PC during the ski season. Details to follow.....
Linda Dugins
ldugins@gmail.com
TWO ADDITIONAL VESTRY NOMINEES ARE NEEDED: If you are a member of St. Luke’s and you have not yet served on the Vestry (or if it’s been a long time since you served), you will please volunteer to be nominated. Terms are a 3 years duration. To volunteer or for more info. call Charles+ 435-901-2131.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE:
You will find info about our church and what to expect when you visit. www.stlukesparkcity.org. There is information about our missions, finances and programs. You can view previous sermons through a link to You-Tube on your phone or home computer. Go to You Tube, St Luke’s Episcopal Church Park City, UT.

AUTUMN GOSPEL GROUP
FOR WOMEN 50ish & UP: Autumn Gospel meets the fourth Saturday morning of each month from 10 to noon, in members' homes. We use books as a springboard to share and discuss our own spiritual journeys at this stage of our lives. For more info please call Nancy Conrow, nancy.conrow@gmail.com or 435-640-0556.

SHOP AT SMITH'S FOOD & DRUG & FLOURISH BAKERY WILL RECEIVE A DONATION!
To participate in the program, visit the Smith's Food & Drug web site, log into your account, click on INSPIRING DONATION PROGRAM, search for Flourish Bakery SLCC by name (or use HE559, the Bakery’s nonprofit number with Smith's). Every time you use your fresh values card related to your account, Smith's will donate .5% of your purchase to Flourish Bakery. It's that simple! Flourish appreciates your support and this inspiring program.

CONSIDERING JOINING THE ST. LUKE’S COMMUNITY? JUST WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH?
Our rector would be delighted to make an appointment to meet with you. He will do his best to answer your questions and to help you to feel welcomed and included at St. Luke's. When you are ready to have a conversation, just let him know at either: pastor@stlukespc.org or 435-901-2131.

CENTERING PRAYER:
Meets Friday mornings at 10:00 AM in the Library. Please join us in this contemplative practice of Holy Silence.

WEDNESDAY EVENING WOMEN’S BOOK STUDY:
The women's Wednesday night bible study will be using "Advent: The Weary World Rejoices" by Lifeway Women for our advent study. We will meet in the library from 6:30 to 7:45 on January 8. For more information, please contact Mary Parsons at Mary.Parsons@hsc.utah.edu. All are welcome.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE CHOIR?
St. Luke’s Church Choir is looking for new members! A love of singing is the only requirement, although the ability to read music would be helpful. Whether you are a soprano, alto, tenor or bass, you’ll be most welcome! We meet to practice at 9am each Sunday, plus Thursdays at 6pm if you can make it. If you are interested, please see Manuel after the service, or email him at pianospecialists@gmail.com.

ST. LUKE’S CARE GUILD:
If you or someone you know has any requests or needs, please contact Katherine at katherinemartz@comcast.net or Harriet, harrietmstephens@gmail.com, (435) 655-1888.

WOMEN’S GATHERING:
We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM. Bring an appetizer and a drink to share.

CHRISTIAN CENTER FOOD PANTRY:
Please bring canned goods and non perishables to St Luke's as we will be making regular donations to the Christian Center's food pantry. Please donate only the kinds of foods you would want to feed your own family. Let's fill the red wagon each week in the foyer! PCHS senior, John Reko, will be picking up our donations and making regular deliveries to the Christian Center. Thanks for supporting this important ministry!

ROAD HOME - MEN’S RESOURCE CENTER:
3380 South 1000 West, South Salt Lake, UT, 84119
No food to prepare, meals are provided. Responsibility is to serve the food (cafeteria style.) Any individual, group of friends or organizations can signup for a time slot. Call me with any questions. Teresa McMillan, 678-575-3781.

PLEASE JOIN ONE OF THE ST. LUKE’S DINNER GROUPS (a.k.a. Shepherding Groups)
There are numerous dinner groups at St. Luke’s that meet a few times each year for conversation and friendship building. If you would like to participate in one of our parish’s dinner groups, please contact Beckie in the Church Office at 435-649-4900 Ext. 12 or at beckie@stlukespc.org All are welcome!

ANNUAL CELEBRATION REPORT BOOKLET:
Our Annual Celebration is scheduled for the first Sunday in February. In preparation, Beckie will assemble a booklet containing reports from the leaders of every ministry and mission in our parish. If you are a one of those leaders, please send Beckie a brief report (with photos if possible) of the accomplishments of your ministry/mission during 2019, your hopes for 2020 and how someone interested can learn more and/or get involved. Please send it before Sunday, January 26th. Beckie’s email is beckie@stlukespc.org. Thank you!!!