



THE BELLRINGER

St. Luke's Church

September 2007

CATCHING UP AFTER SUMMER

Dear Friends,

I hope that you have had a summer that included just the kind of relaxation and change of pace that gives you the quiet lift we all need from time to time. I chose to take all my vacation at once, which included a three-week trip overseas to Taiwan. In a phrase (or two), it was more than a vacation; it was a wonderful experience.

At the same time, having been away for a month, and then coming back to the remainder of the summer season when many of you have been away, I have felt a bit detached from our parish community. I truly look forward to seeing you all again, as you return from your various summer sojourns and respites. Our choir returns to the 10:30 liturgy on Sunday, September 16th. Church School classes resume that day, too. Along with Sunday worship, the return of regular programs and projects increases the opportunities for people to see each other. Yet, as pleasant as it is for me to greet you as you leave church on a Sunday morning, or to have a slightly longer conversation during Hospitality Hour, there have been countless times when I've wished the interaction could last a bit longer—to hear more about how things are going with you. True, if there is something pressing, you are able to contact me. But sometimes it would be good just to chat, to catch up. Summertime, when I was away from my regular routine, made me aware of this desire. There were two Sundays when I was worshipping at Church of The Good Shepherd in Taipei. The people there were so nice. Yet, on the

Sunday I preached there and looked out into the congregation, I realized I had a sense that I was looking for you, my Saint Luke's friends.

We are busy people in a busy city with a packed schedule of parish life. Still, for myself, I'd like to bring back into my ministry with you some of the insights I gleaned this summer so that there can be ample opportunity just to have some time together. I'll be thinking about it and I'll let you know what I come up with. And if you've got any ideas, let me know and we can talk.

By the way, if for any reason you *do* want to talk, please call me. Whereas email is great for that quick send-off of a question or piece of info, I feel the phone and face-to-face are still best. That doesn't make me old-fashioned, just desirous of the personal connections that strengthen our bonds in the Body of Christ.

So, to reach me, the church office phone is a good start—Tuesday-Friday, 9:00am-2:00pm, 718-268-6021. Outside of office hours, you can reach me directly at 917-714-5647. And yes, for that quick send-off, use stlukestom@yahoo.com. Only on Monday, my day off, you might not hear back from me immediately (but on Tuesday you'd get my return call).

Yes, I have had a good summer, but it is great to be back.

Yours in Christ,

UPDATED PARISH DIRECTORY
AVAILABLE IN
LATE SEPTEMBER

The NRSV (New Revised Standard Version, that is) of St. Luke's Parish Directory is nearing completion and should be ready for distribution by the end of September.

SAINT LUKE'S ADULT CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR FALL 2007

*Fundamentals and Fundamentalisms:
Fiction – Faction – Faith*

Fiction

The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood
(Meetings in the Rector's Office) St. Luke's Book Club will read this fictional and provocative suggestion of what happens when those in power use religion to extend power's reach.

Wed., Sept. 26, 7:30pm; Sun. Sept. 30, 12 Noon; Wed., Oct. 3, 7:30pm

Faction

Wed., Oct. 24, 7:30pm
(Meeting in the Rector's Office) The Assault on Reason: The Basic Characteristics of Fundamentalism: a chapter from Al Gore's recently published book and a segment of Tom Reese's research on Fundamentalism will be handed out in advance for reading and discussion.

Sun., Nov. 4, 12 Noon

(Adult Forum – Parish Hall) Fundamentalisms: Islamic-Jewish-Christian: What is the difference between fundamentals and fundamentalism?

Sun., Nov. 11, 12 Noon

(Adult Forum – Parish Hall) Factions and Fundamentalism in Global Perspective: What does The Anglican Archdiocese of Nigeria and Islamism in Nigeria have to do with The Episcopal Church in The USA?

Faith

Sun., Nov. 18, 12 Noon

(Meeting in the Rector's Office) *Small group follow-up*: An opportunity for interested parishioners to ask questions and re-visit the themes that had been presented.

Coming in Advent: "Faith"—a study of our scripture's core texts (key concepts, key personages): Advent

Sundays Bible Study of The Sermon on The Mount and a Saturday, Dec. 8 Retreat on "Mary: A Very Human Model of Faith."

Coming in January: Christian Fundamentalism in America—Michelle Goldberg's Kingdom Coming: The Rise of Christian Nationalism

And in Lent: More "Faith"—study of core scripture texts

June: Barbara Brown Taylor's Leaving Church, a beautiful memoir about faith.

SAVE THE DATE:

ST. LUKE'S DAY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

Wear RED to celebrate the festival of our patron saint at the 8:30 and 10:30 services! Potluck luncheon to follow the 10:30 service.

HAVE YOU FILLED OUT THE
PARISH CENSUS FORM?

In this newsletter you will find the Parish Census Form. Much of the data requested is for our compliance in organizing the Parish Register. Each parish of the Episcopal Church is required to maintain a membership register that records a variety of dates related to the sacraments of the church. In addition, we are seeking other information that strengthens parish communications. So if you haven't already done so, kindly fill out the form and return it to the church.

LET'S GET READY TO RUMMAGE!

The annual Saint Luke's Rummage Sale is set for Sat., Oct. 13, from 10am to 4 pm, and Sun., Oct. 14, noon to 4. If it seems a long time to wait, don't worry — there's plenty of fun to be had in the weeks leading up to sale, as we transform our ordinary parish hall into a fabulous emporium.

There's more to the Rummage Sale than mere merchandising. As one of our top fundraising events of the year, it provides vital support not only for our own ministry but for our annual outreach grant to a worthy local charity. It also gives us a chance to open our doors to the wider community and show the friendly face of St. Luke's to the outside world. And for parishioners, of course, it's the perfect chance to get to know one another better in the unique atmosphere of dedication, fellowship, semi-controlled chaos and

pure hilarity that characterizes the Rummage Sale.

No matter where your strengths may lie, we have the perfect opening for you — no experience required. The list of options below will give you a good idea of where you will best fit in to the Wonderful World of Rummage. All you have to do is fill out the form in this newsletter and return it to the church office or drop it in the offering plate any Sunday. Or you can seek us out at coffee hour and let us know how you'd like to help.

—Jeanine McPartlin and Velma Adams
Rummage Co-chairs

RECEIVING/COLLECTION: Volunteers are needed to cover receiving hours on weekends between Sat., Sept. 1st and Sun., Oct. 7th. We will be open on Saturdays from 10 to 11am and Sundays following the 10:30 service until 1pm. All you have to do is direct donors to place their contributions onstage. If you have a commodious car and a little free time, you can help by making pickups during the two weeks leading up to the sale.

SPREADING THE WORD: Stacks of flyers are available in the parish hall — one to notify people of our collecting hours, another to advertise the event. Take a few home and hang them up in your laundry room, your bulletin board at work, or distribute them to your neighbors and friends.

SET-UP/CLEAN-UP CREW: Who needs a personal trainer? You can get a healthy workout hauling tables

and clothing racks upstairs and distributing the accumulated rummage. At the end of the sale, you'll get another chance to tone those muscles when we strike the Rummage set and pack away the leftover treasures for delivery to a local organization serving needy families.

SORTING AND PRICING: The anthropologically curious will find endless entertainment in exploring and categorizing items ranging from the ridiculous to the sublime. You'll also get to bond with fellow parishioners on a relaxed, informal footing. Daytime and evening sorting sessions are planned for the two weeks before the sale.

FOOD PREPARATION: Jean Tessier and Lori Sbordone will need help in the kitchen before and during the sale, as well as cookies, cakes, etc., to keep the shoppers well-fed and happy.

DEPARTMENT HEADS/SALES STAFF: Several departments are in want of leadership, so here's your big chance! Many of our regular department heads have become veritable local celebrities through their rummage-time exposure. Every department needs staffers to keep the merchandise moving and the money rolling in. Some of our sales force are wheelers and dealers; others take a more laid-back approach. No experience necessary; haggling optional.

RUMMAGE SIGN-UP

I WOULD LIKE TO HELP IN THE FOLLOWING CAPACITY(IES):

? RECEIVING/COLLECTION: Donations will be accepted on Saturdays and Sundays, beginning Saturday, September 1st. Closer to the date of the sale, we may need drivers to pick items up and deliver them to church.

? SPREADING THE WORD: Be part of our grass-roots PR efforts and help us out by getting our flyers into as many hands as possible.

? SET-UP AND CLEAN-UP: Set-up day is Saturday, September 29th, at 9 a.m. The selling areas will be set up on Sunday, October 7. After the sale, on Sunday, Oct. 14th, the clean-up committee takes over from 4 to 7.

? SORTING AND PRICING: Daytime and evening sorting sessions will be held during the two weeks leading up to the sale.

? BAKING/SNACK BAR: Volunteers are needed for pre-sale shopping and food prep, as well as contributions of cookies, cakes, etc.

? SELLING: Sign up for all or part of one or both days.

NAME: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

WINGS OF SONG
WELCOMES FALL WITH "AUTUMN
NOTES" FEATURING:
IVY ADRIAN, PIANO AND
SHERRY CHOW, VIOLIN

On Sunday, September 30 at 3:00pm, acclaimed musicians Ivy Adrian and Sherry Chow will present a concert at St. Luke's that includes Beethoven's Violin & Piano Sonata, Opus 96 in G Major, Prokofieff's Violin & Piano Sonata in D Major, Opus 94a and the Violin & Piano Sonata, Opus 100 in A Major by Johannes Brahms. Ivy and Sherry met at Barnard College while working on a program with Manhattan School of Music, and have been collaborating ever since. In September 2006, they participated in the *Wings of Song* concert "Rags and Riches" at St. Luke's, playing the compositions of William Ryden.

Ivy Zohra Adrian made her solo debut at Carnegie Hall in 2004. Her musical skills are currently featured in the restaurant venue at La Terrazza restaurant in Forest Hills and at Caravan of Dreams in Manhattan, where she shares her interpretations of standards, popular and jazz. Ivy has given annual concerts at the Mount Washington Hotel & Resort in New Hampshire, and studied chamber music as a scholarship student in the European Mozart Academy in Poland. Tours led her to Prague, Krakow, and Lake Ohrid in Macedonia. Ivy's work at the Forest Hills Montessori School has led to three musical productions for children. Ivy is a graduate of Barnard College and the Aaron Copeland School of Music.

Sherry Chow studied violin under Margaret Pardee, Ariana Bronne, and the late Barbara Krakauer. She has been part of programs such as Meadowmount, Salzbug Mozarteum, Academie Franco-Americaine, and the N.C.S.A. Summer Festival Orchestra. Sherry freelances and performs in and around New York City, and teaches at the Rudolf Steiner School, the Brearley School and the preparatory division of Mannes College of Music.

ST LUKE'S PARTICIPATION IN
2007 FOREST HILLS COMMUNITY
FOOD DRIVE A GREAT SUCCESS

On Saturday July 28 and Sunday 29 St. Luke's participated in the 2007 Forest Hills Community Food

Drive to support the Interfaith Hunger Network of Queens. On Saturday, four pairs of volunteers working two-hour shifts each sat in front of the 64th Road Associated Supermarket inviting shoppers to remember the hungry in their midst by donating canned goods or other non-perishable consumables. By 5:00 that evening, an estimated fifty boxes of food were collected.

After the 10:30am service on Sunday, just when we were about to load the food into volunteers' cars to take to the collection site at the Church in the Gardens, it started to pour. Everyone, including Fr. Doubleday, pitched in to carry food to cars while dodging lightning, puddles, and raindrops.

So, thank you St. Luke's for your enthusiastic support on that rainy Sunday morning in July. Special thanks and gratitude to the volunteer collectors: Joyce Egginton (who had offered to cut short her vacation to be there on Saturday), Pamela Fuller, Barbara Glick, Barbara Gratz, Carol Khare (who graciously stepped in for Joyce), Jeanine McPartlin, Lori Sbordone, Anne Su and Shirley Vickers for your efforts on that hot and very humid Saturday; and to the volunteer drivers: Louise Foisy, John Ryding, and Jyri Laatikainen. Last, but not least, a special, special thank you to Jason Chung, manager of the 64th Road Associated Supermarket, for supporting the food drive by donating food, and allowing volunteers to post reminders to donate in front of and next to food items in the store.

—The Outreach Committee

MADELEINE HOGAN:
AN APPRECIATION

As many of you know, in August Maddy Hogan moved from Forest Hills to an assisted living facility in Glen Cove. Her many friends already miss her presence at St. Luke's, and her warmth, courage, and humor. Over the past few years Maddy found it increasingly difficult to come to church or to participate in St. Luke's activities as she once did, so if you're new to the parish you might not know her. And that's a shame because she is someone well worth knowing!

Maddy and her late husband Jack became active and extremely generous members of St. Luke's in the 1940s. With Ann and Dick Westney, they founded the

Couples Club, an organization that met one Sunday evening each month for food, fun and fellowship. One of Maddy's major passions (aside from her family, and bridge!) has always been music. She is a talented, prolific – and fearless – composer. Years ago, when most of her contemporaries were paralyzed by technoterror, she taught herself to write music on computer! Maddy has composed hymns, anthems, and a Mass for St. Luke's Day for the choir where she and the Westneys were mainstays of the alto and bass sections. She also composed the score for the Gingerbread Players' original musical version of "The Pied Piper," as well as incidental music for productions of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," "Romeo and Juliet," and "As You Like It." As soon as she is settled in her new home, she intends to acquire an electronic keyboard so she can keep on playing. Glen Cove isn't very far away, and Sterling Glen is easy to reach by car. Maddy hopes her friends will keep in touch. Her new address is in the updated directory along with her phone number (516-676-4106). Her email address remains the same (grandmoz@aol.com).

"THANK YOU" TO OUR SUMMER MUSICIANS

On behalf of the parish, I want to thank Joe Hammer and Velma Adams for their generous sharing of their God-given musical gifts. Their organ and piano talents, respectively, were gratefully received and enjoyed by the congregation on four summer Sundays.

Because of the serious budget constraints we have been experiencing in 2007, we were unable to fund the music line of the budget adequately. The Rector and Vestry felt that the best way to limit the impact, protecting sacred music's support of our worship when the choir is present from September into June, was to arrange for volunteer support on some summer Sundays. As it happened, we were able to fund a substitute organist for three Sundays, but needed to secure volunteers for five, which meant there was one Sunday without any music at all.

In our music, we give praise to God. By the grace of God and through the generosity of the people, may we see our way to making a joyful noise to the Lord in future.

— Tom Reese

CHURCH SCHOOL RESUMES AND CHOIR RETURNS ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Welcome back to all who, refreshed, renewed, and reinvigorated, have returned to St. Luke's after summer vacation! Worship with us on September 16 and extend an especially warm welcome to our church school teachers and students, choir members, and to Bill Stokes, our Interim Organist and Choir Director. We are glad and fortunate to have him back, and look forward to a year of liturgy enhanced by his musical talents and those of the choir.

Also, at Hospitality Hour on the 16th, the Rector will do a presentation on the 2007-2008 Christian Education program for all ages outlined in this issue of the Bellringer, so if you usually come at 8:30, you might want to alter your routine on the 16th and attend the 10:30 service instead.

ERD NEEDS YOU TO HELP VICTIMS OF NATURAL DISASTERS ABROAD AND AT HOME

The earthquake in Peru, Hurricane Dean, flooding in Oklahoma and Minnesota, wildfires in Greece and the American West, the ongoing post-Katrina recovery efforts -- wherever there is human need, there you will find ERD (Episcopal Relief and Development). Please contribute what you can. Every little bit helps those who cannot help themselves. Checks should be made out to ERD and put in the collection plate, dropped off at the church office, or mailed to Episcopal Relief and Development Emergency Relief Fund, P.O. Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058. Gifts by credit card may also be made online to ERD's Emergency Relief Fund at www.er-d.org/, or by phone at 1-800-334-7626, ext. 5129.

To find out other ways you can help, please check out the materials displayed in the parish hall at Hospitality Hour.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Vera Morón, Luke Dinan
- 7 Dolly Guinther
- 9 Kelsey Reese
- 12 Jeanine McPartlin
- 14 Richard Koetzle,
Thaddeus & Nancy Baxter (A)
- 15 David & Georgina Smith (A)
- 20 Edna & Joseph Boyce (A)
- 22 Thaddeus Baxter
- 23 Denise & Ray Presnick (A)
- 24 Christine Schott
- 26 Dario Hagge Fabozzi
- 27 Caitlin Gomez
- 29 Pamela Williams

SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

On Thursday, September 27th at 7:30pm, The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated to mark the "Michaelmas" Feast. Worshippers are asked to bring fresh flowers which are placed at the altar. In the English tradition, "Michaelmas Daisies." Certainly any variety of fresh flowers will do well. Rather than going out for dinner this year, we will instead share a dessert at the church as we engage in our other Michaelmas tradition: last year's recipient of the Michaelmas token will share a story about having met an angel in the past year and then hand it on to a new keeper, who will recount a story next year. Come to the celebration to find out all about it.

SAINT LUKE'S 2007 PARISH CENSUS

Please provide information for each member of your household.

Address _____

1) Last Name _____
First Name _____
Phone(s) _____
E-mail Address(es) _____

Date of Birth _____
Date of Baptism and Denomination _____

Name and Location of Church _____

Date of Confirmation and Denomination if not Episcopal _____
Date of Reception and Diocese _____

Date of Marriage _____

2) Last Name _____
First Name _____
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St. Luke's Church Wardens,
Officers and Vestry

Wardens: Anne Harte Su, Jonathan Wallin
Treasurer: Arthur Tasker
Asst. Treasurer: Kim Su
Clerk: Jean Tessier
Vestry: Florence Amato, Brian Percival, Frances Sergi,
Allan Smith, Velma Adams, Gary Carldon, Barbara
Gratz, Joe Occhiuto. Paul Dinas, David Smith, Jean
Tessier, Jane Thornton

Clergy and Staff

The Reverend Thomas F. Reese, Rector
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Priest Associate
William J. Stokes, Interim Organist
and Choir Director
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