



# Luke's Log

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Dear Friends in Christ,  
So long, it's been good to know ya!

Somewhat wistfully I can be heard to mutter, "They don't make years like they used to." Time just seems to slip ever more swiftly away. Can you believe that I have been your interim for more than four months now? I will shortly release the interim's role into the loving and capable hands of the Rev. Mary Piper. You are in for a treat! I have loved being with you, getting to know you, and leading services Sunday by Sunday, something I had not done for seventeen years. Supply here and there, but nothing as substantial as leading a worshipping family week after week since I retired in 2000. The first time I "failed" retirement and became part-time Pastoral Associate at Trinity Ashland, Charlotte said I returned to work because I did not have enough people telling me I was wonderful. (It is her assignment to keep me from getting a swelled head, and she

does it lovingly and perceptively.) Well, I want to go on record in the light of my being here that there is much that is wonderful about St. Luke's— including an openness to the power of the Spirit, a willingness to tackle the odd tasks of parish life with energy and good humor, and the firm commitment to full disclosure modeled by the Senior Warden.

I've been sked if I would return to the interim's position sometime in the future, and the answer is, "No," partly because even the best-led of parishes can get so comfortable with an interim that they do not get on with identifying and calling a new rector. But I will happily lead Sunday services as a supply from time to time if a new rector is not in place, and our forward-looking Senior Warden has invited me to "cover" Christmas, if necessary.

The poet W.H. Auden once wrote, "Let all you last thinks be thanks." And my last St. Luke's interim thoughts are

just that. I am grateful for a warm reception, for honest response, for lapses forgiven, for thoughtful questions and objections. You all have energized this old bunny, and I will not forget you even as I head east to the mountains of Pennsylvania and our lakeside cottage. You are in my prayers, and Mary and I continue to be a team though she soon becomes the visible member.

I leave with two parting gifts, sources of inspiration that I have found valuable enough to squirrel them away and return to them year after year. First comes a priest's reflection on what we need in order to be loving. Finally, I close with a prayer I strive to live by.

In the love of the Risen Christ and the Power of the Spirit,

Fr. Morgan

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## A Message From the Interim Rector *(continued)*

### To be Loved

To be loving, and lovable, you must first be loved.

Being good does not make you loving or lovable.

Being wise does not make you loving or lovable.

Being strong does not make you loving or lovable.

Being religious does not make you loving or lovable.

Only being loved.

To be good without wisdom is prudish.

To be good without strength is indulgent.

To be good without love is stagnancy.

To be wise without goodness is sterile.

To be wise without strength is useless.

To be wise without love is selfishness.

To be strong without goodness is capricious.

To be strong without wisdom is destructive.

To be strong without love is tyranny.

Goodness without love does not invite virtue.

Wisdom without love does not enlighten.

Strength without love does not empower.

To love without goodness breeds sentimentality.

To love without wisdom spreads confusion.

To love without strength weakens others.

Without humility goodness turns arrogant.

Without humility wisdom becomes display.

Without humility strength domineers.

Love, giving humility, turns goodness into sharing,

wisdom into guidance, strength into helpfulness.

Love is a blending of love for self and love for others.

Without love of self, love of others is escape.

Without love of others, love of self is withdrawal.

Alone, love of self turns into defensiveness.

Alone, love of others turns into manipulation.

The blending is a thing of wonder, a miracle.

In the end, all human love, of itself, suffocates.

A greater love must enter to fulfill our human loves.

Gifted is the one who is good, wise, and strong.

But blessed, and a blessing, is the one, so gifted or not,

Who lives in the greatest of all loves.



Their hearts  
are firm,  
secure in  
the LORD.

**Psalm 112:7, NRSV**

The Rev. George F. Tittman, St. Mark's Church, Berkeley, CA

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## A Message From the Interim Rector (*continued*)

### ***The Pharisee and the Publican. Read Luke 18:9-14***

Lord, help me to see where I fall short in love, in patience, in long-suffering. Teach me how to think, see, and affirm the positive in situations. Help me to be a builder, one who confirms the gifts of others, one who affirms their vocations. Help me to commit time to stillness and listening so that I may grow in self-knowledge. Help me to accept myself, including my shortcomings and my sinfulness, so that I can accept others more fully and show appreciation of them.

*He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.*

(The Magnificat.)



## Special Dates & Events



**June 3** (Sat.) 10-3 “Be one— Bless one” presentation at St. Timothy, Salem (see information at bulletin board)

**June 4** (Sun.) The Day of Pentecost — Wear red to honor this day; The Rev. Mary Piper’s first Sunday at St. Luke’s; 11:30 a.m. Welcome and Farewell Potluck Lunch for our incoming and outgoing interim rectors— please bring a dish to share according to last name: A-I: Dessert, J-R: Entrée, S-Z: Side or Salad (see signup sheet at back of kitchen door)

**June 5** (Mon.) 9:00 a.m. Needle & Thread — note change of day

**June 8** (Thurs.) 7:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting

**June 11** (Sun.) Trinity Sunday

**June 12** (Mon.) St. Barnabas, Apostle

**June 14** (Wed.) Flag Day

**June 18** (Sun.) Father’s Day

**June 21** (Wed.) Summer begins

**June 24** (Sat.) The Nativity of St. John the Baptist; 3:00 p.m. Baby Shower for Natalie Rogers in Parish Hall

**June 29** (Thurs.) Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

**“Never on Sunday” Camping News**— The camping group is on hiatus for the month of June due to unavailability of camping sites/yrurts. If you’re interested in *future* camping dates and want to join in, please contact Judy Anzalone at 541-955-9547.

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## Sr. Warden's Report — by John Barnard

Can we talk? What I really mean is, may I please listen to you? Parishioners have been upset in the past when they thought that their ideas and concerns were not being given a fair hearing. The consequences of that are never good in any group. Feeling they are not being heard alienates people and estranging its members is one thing a church should not do.

Suffering in silence and building up frustration is poisonous to the mind and soul. Chronic feelings of being unheard and thwarted produce a sense of frustration that can lead to disengagement and depression. It is not possible for anyone to have all the conditions and things they want in a church, but it is important and fair to get, at a minimum, a hearing and an explanation when something is causing uneasiness.

For this to happen, you must ask questions and voice concerns. Until we have a permanent rector, please speak with me, or one of the other members of the Vestry, if something is on your mind. Communication is part of responding faithfully to what God is calling us to do. Open exchange of ideas within the parish is part of determining what that is and how best to accomplish it.

I want to hear what is on your mind and I need you to talk to me or to another member of the Vestry. Talk, call, email or leave a note in the little Senior Warden "mailbox" next to the entrance to the choir room, but please let me know what you are thinking. If you prefer to be anonymous, then do that, but then I won't be able to respond directly. Ideally, everyone at St. Luke's will come to feel safe enough to identify themselves when they have something to say. I don't always listen as well as I should, but I am determined to do better at that and you can hold me to it.

And now for something completely different.

The Reverend Mary Piper relieves Father Morgan Silbaugh as our interim rector effective June 1. She will celebrate the service of Holy Eucharist on Pentecost Sunday, June 4 (Wear red!), at which Father Morgan will deliver the sermon. This will not be a "good-bye," but more like (in the spirit of Pentecost) "à bientôt," or "auf wiedersehen" or "hasta la vista" or "arrivederci." He will return from time to time as a supply priest later in the autumn and, unless we have a permanent rector installed by then, is scheduled to celebrate Christmas with us this year.

There is, however, the issue of how we address Mary. The Episcopal Church publishes a "Style Guide" on its website, which somehow is not surprising and seems very Anglican. The Style Guide provides that priests are referred to formally in the third person, as "The Reverend \_\_," regardless of gender, or "The Reverend Doctor \_\_" if they hold that degree. "Reverend" used that way is an adjective form, so it follows that addressing a priest in the second person as "Reverend \_\_," as if "Reverend" is part of their name, is grammatically incorrect, even though it is frequently done. The proper salutation in a letter is "Dear Mr./Ms./Miss/Mrs./ Father/Mother \_\_" as appropriate. In speaking, it would be "Mr./Ms./Miss/Mrs./ Father/Mother \_\_." The best guidance is what The Reverend Mary Piper would like to be called. I asked her when she visited St. Luke's some months ago. "Just Mary," she responded.

We close on a serious note.

For personal reasons, Louis Delp has resigned as Junior Warden and a member of the Vestry, after fifteen months of willing, unselfish, incredibly effective and cheerful service to St. Luke's, during which time the parish and its facilities benefitted from his multifaceted skills, his extraordinary energy, his cheerful attitude and the example of his profound faith. When you can, please thank him for all of that. In addition, please remind Marilyn and Louis that we miss them and want them with us in the parish community. We should encourage Louis to understand that his value to God and to St. Luke's is not as much for his extraordinary service as it is simply for being the person that he is.

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## Sr. Warden's Report (continued)

Before Louis resigned, the Vestry had already determined that the Junior Warden should not try or be expected to do everything alone, but should be in charge of a committee of volunteers who give their time and talents for the maintenance and repair of the building and its systems. If you would like to manifest your own stewardship in that way, please let me or another Vestry member know that.

We can and will make all of this work.

God made us and loves us and wants what is appropriate for us, even if we don't always understand what that is, so we should love and be kind to ourselves and one another and try to be confident that we are actually where we are supposed to be and that our circumstances are as God intends for us. "No doubt the universe is unfolding as it should," even if it is not easy to see that at times.

I look forward to seeing you in church.

John Barnard



- 2 Jane Marsh
- 3 Pam Boston, Ollie Hardy
- 9 Sharon Simpson
- 10 John Barnard
- 12 Bill Higdon
- 13 Maria Jordan
- 15 Joe Hungate
- 16 Joan Dougherty
- 25 Chris Svendsen
- 27 Terry Calvert

*If your name is not on the birthday list, please contact the parish office to get added on.*

## Treasurer's Report — by Myrna Rafalovich



**As of May 31, 2017**

Budget	\$40,090
Pledge Payments	<u>\$35,143</u>
Shortfall	< <b>\$4,947</b> >

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**IDENTITY STATEMENT FOR ST. LUKE'S**

St. Luke's Episcopal Church is a community of diverse and unique individuals and families, joined together in the Body of Christ. We are a family united by worship, discovering God's purpose in our lives and using our gifts in service to him, to one another, and to the world.

We believe the historic Christian creeds. We carry on the heritage of Christian worship, celebrating the biblical faith with traditional and contemporary forms. We encounter God in word and sacrament, in music and prayer, and in one another.

We offer opportunities for education, spiritual growth, service, fellowship, and the giving and receiving of pastoral care

We seek, through worship and service, to show forth in the world the healing love of Jesus.



**ST. LUKE'S SERVICES  
SUNDAY MORNING**

8:00 a.m. Holy  
Eucharist, Rite II  
10:00 a.m. Holy  
Eucharist, Rite II  
Nursery available

**MONDAY—FRIDAY**

7:15 a.m. Morning  
Prayer

**ST. LUKE'S MISSION  
STATEMENT**

*Love. Faith. Reason.  
Community.*

*We reach out in joy and  
in Christ's name to one  
another, our community,  
and the world.*

**ST. LUKE'S  
OFFICE HOURS**

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