



St. Luke Anglican Church

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"St. Luke's Tidings" - AUGUST 2005

1. Father Richard Accepts Call to Georgia - Our Rector, The Reverend Richard Sutter announced to the parish on June 18th that he was accepting a call from Saint George Anglican Church in Columbus, Georgia. He indicated that his last service at Saint Luke Church would be Sunday, July 31st.

The Vestry accepted Father Richard's resignation with regret. They also unanimously agreed that Father Richard's service to Saint Luke Church should be recognized by giving him the last three weeks in July as paid vacation. This would give him an opportunity to pack and relocate to Columbus, Georgia, in a timely fashion.

Senior Warden, Peter Hambleton has requested that those who would like to participate in contributing to a purse for Father Richard do so by either giving the money to our Treasurer, Charles Dodd or by placing the contributions, clearly marked for Father Richard, in the Sunday offertory collection. Or, if you prefer, you may send the contributions to: Charles Dodd, 36 Mason Road, Mont Vernon, NH 03057.

2. Guest Celebrant - We welcome The Rev. James H. Davis, SSC, as guest celebrant and preacher. Bishop Langberg asked Father Davis to serve as Supply Minister for us. Father Davis is a native New Englander who served for thirty one years outside New England: eleven years in West Virginia (two years in a coal town, three in Hinton, a railroad division point, and six years in a University town, including service as a campus chaplain at West Virginia University), nine years in Western Illinois (agricultural and industrial town of 15,000), and eleven years in Northeast Iowa (agricultural area plus experience with a social service agency). He has been back in New England for twenty years. In 1990 he was incardinated in the Diocese of the Northeast, Anglican Church in America. During part of 2003 and 2004 he served as Interim Rector at Trinity Anglican Church in Rochester, NH. He and his wife Jeanne live in Sanford, Maine.

Father Davis holds degrees from Boston University (A.B.), Nashotah House (M. Div.) and West Virginia University (M.A.). He is the oldest of the four children of Attorney Laurence F. Davis and his wife, Helen G. Davis; both served on the Vestry of Saint John's Episcopal Church in Saugus, MA. His mother was also on the Alter Guild and his father served as Senior Warden.

Fr. Davis has been a member of the Standing Committee, Vicar General, Rural Dean, Diocesan Secretary, Commission on Ministry, and Examining Chaplain. For eight years he conducted a weekly radio program over WKEL. Twice he served as clerical deputy to the ECUSA General Convention. He has taught part-time in a local junior college. He currently serves as chairman of the advisory board of the Stanford Adult Education Program, volunteers at Seashore Trolley Museum and assists with a self-help program. His secular interests include history, genealogy, New England heritage, visiting historic sites and **RAILROAD-ING!** He can tell you everything you ever wanted to know about now defunct rail lines and then, even more!

Should you have a situation where you would like to talk with Father Davis, he may be reached at 207-490-9131. His mailing address is: The Rev. James H. Davis, 3 Oxford Street, Sanford, ME 04073. As Fr. Davis told the congregation at his first service, he wears a hearing aid and unless you are on the "the right side" he can't hear. So if you see something that looks like dancing while someone is speaking to him, don't be alarmed, both parties are jockeying around so that Fr. Davis can hear!

Please take a moment and introduce yourself to Father Davis and his wife Jeanne. They drive over to Bedford, NH every Saturday afternoon and spend the evening at a motel there in preparation for our 8:00 AM, Sunday morning service.

3. Deacon Larry's 90th Birthday - The Reverend Mr. Lawrence LaFleur celebrates his 90th Birthday on Tuesday, August 2nd. Deacon Larry as we all lovingly refer to him as, has been actively involved with St. Lukes for many years. His daughter indicates that he is feeling well except for mild dementia and some trouble walking.

Deacon Larry served in the United States Army achieving the rank of Chief Warrant Officer and served under General George Patton during World War II. I know he'd appreciate a phone call at 673-1445 or send him a card at: 30 High Street, Milford, NH 03055.

4. Annual Fund Raiser - Saturday, September 17, 2005

For many years we have held an Annual Fund Raiser in the fall. This year is even a little more important as our 2005 budget suggested that this fund raiser would put us into the black. Our goal is to raise several thousand dollars. In order to accomplish this we need everyone's help!

The plans are to have the **Yard Sale and Bake Sale** as we have had in the past. Once again, **Jan Thorpe has agreed to chair this** portion of the event. The key to success is to have many good items to sell. Now is the time to start looking in your attics, your storage areas, your cellars and your garages. Talk to your friends and neighbors too. They may have items that they'd be willing to share with the church. The same goes for the Bake Sale. Remember, we can give tax receipts for most of the items donated. These receipts signify contributions that may be deducted from your income tax. We should be ready to start receiving your contributions in the Under Croft of the Church by August 15th. We'll have an area set aside for them. The Bake Sale items will have to be delivered on the day of the sale. We have been able to secure the large tent that we used in prior years. This will give us shelter.

Most of you have heard of the "**Antique Road Show**" TV program. We're going to attempt to duplicate part of that right here on Limbo Lane. Frank Williams has been able to get an antique dealer who lives in Amherst and has a shop in Manchester to agree to give verbal appraisals on Saturday. We could charge about \$10.00 for each appraisal. Many of us have several items that we'd like to know if they are valuable or not. Then should the owner wish to sell this item at an auction. If our publicity is good, we could attract people from Amherst and neighboring towns too!

Should you have something that you would like to auction off after it is appraised, we'll be able to do that too. We hope to have an auction that will start late morning and we'll also accept items on a consignment basis. We're working on obtaining an auctioneer right now.

We need everyone to help! The Committee now consists of:

Don and Bobbie Skillins - 429-9494
Mel and Lil Powers - 532-6114
Frank and Lorraine Williams - 673-2927
Jan Thorpe - 673-5545
Jennifer Coppins - 471-2581
Walter and Cynthia Kilian - 222-1070
John Leslie - 673-6132

Anyone interested in helping please let one of the members know. We need people to help with publicity, help make and distribute posters and many other things. We may be able to sell hot dogs, hamburgers and soda at lunch time. We'll need help pricing yard sale items and getting them on display. **We need everyone!**

5. New Members and New Addresses -

- **The Rev. William Mc Ginnis and his wife Kay** – We really can't call them new members as Fr. Bill and Kay attended St. Lukes for several years before they returned to San Antonio, TX. For various reasons they have decided to come back to New Hampshire and we are pleased to have them back! Their address is 1850 Front Street - #59, Manchester, NH 03102 and their telephone number is: 668-6871.
- **Tony Mandile and his wife Wanda** have returned to Nashua from Florida. Many of you know that Wanda enjoyed the warm weather during the winter months, but they were unable to obtain the quality of medical service she needed in Florida. Wanda is at the Greenbriar Rehabilitation Center. Their home address is: 7 Stoneybrook Road, Nashua, NH 03063 and their telephone number is: 880-7317.
- **Earl and Vernal Watts** have moved to Aynsley Place – Room 104, 80 Lake Street, Nashua, NH. Earl's telephone is 532-4006. Stop by when you're in Nashua. Also, their daughter **Rhonda**, who still lives in Wilton, **has announced her engagement**. You should see the smile on her face!

6. Building and Grounds - We have several individuals who have been working at the Church above and beyond the call of duty. There are probably more that I just don't know about and let me apologize for not naming them too. Doug Sleeper and Joy Omelanuk continue to look after the garden area and I know that Don Skillins has spent many hours cutting the grass.

This brings us to another point. Each year we all get a little older and it becomes more of a task to walk behind a lawn mower. When you include the edges along the road, it's a challenge. Do any of you have a **riding lawn mower** that you are not using that you might be willing to donate to the church? We could give you a tax deduction for it! We'll even pick it up. If so, please call Walter Kilian at 222-1070.

Have you noticed the **front stairs and the ramp**? Looks like they need a new coat of stain. Two or three people could get the job done in several hours and have fun doing it. Most of the painting can be done using rollers,

The **downstairs closet with the electrical panel and the security alarm** has become quite cluttered. Several metal racks along the front wall and some general cleaning along with throwing out junk could solve that problem. Any takers?

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