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Celebrating St. Luke's 30th Anniversary Year

St. Luke's men spend time with men from Holy Cross

Several men from the St. Luke's Men's Group (SLMG) were privileged recently to spend a long weekend with their counterparts from Holy Cross Anglican Church in Farragut, TN. The occasion was the Holy Cross men's annual retreat.

For the St. Luke's men—Fr. Ron Wikander, Dewey Cates, Neil McDonald and Jim Yacavone—it was

an opportunity to witness true Christian fellowship among a close-knit group of men dedicated to serving the Lord.

Attending the retreat from Holy Cross men were Jerry Aiton, Jack Ewing, John Fox, Les Jones, Chuck Kulka, Thad Osborne and Bill Pope.

The retreat was held from Thursday to Sunday, July 20 to 23, at the family farm of Jack Ewing in Ten Mile, TN, near Watts Bar Lake on the Tennessee River. The men stayed in the old Ewing farmhouse built in 1906.

During the course of the retreat, amid the jokes, tall tales and war stories, there were serious discussions about how Christian men can support and improve their church and parish. One takeaway for the St. Luke's men was how involved the men from Holy



Front: Les Jones, Jerry Aiton, Jack Ewing and Jim Yacavone. Rear: Fr. Ron Wikander, Bill Pope, Thad Osborne, Chuck Kulka, Dewey Cates, Neil McDonald and John Fox.



A impromptu discussion after breakfast

Cross are with the children in their church.

Both groups plan to continue to meet together in the future.

The SLMG men thank the Holy Cross men for their hospitality, fellowship and inspiration. ☩

Sixth Annual Men's Conference set for St. Luke's in October

St. Luke's will host the Sixth Annual Georgia Anglican Men's Conference from October 15 through 17. This year's theme is "Christianity: What's in it for me? A conversation."

The goal of the conference is to give men the tools to help them live out their Christian faith seven days a week. Attendees will learn how belief in Jesus brings personal calmness and steadfastness, how Christian faith makes a man a better husband, father and citizen and how a relation-

ship with Jesus helps a person engage non-believers effectively.

Speakers at this year's conference will be Sam Garrison and the Rev. Dr. Justin Hardin.

Garrison is an attorney from Jacksonville, Fla. He and his wife, Gayle, are members of Grace Anglican Church in Fleming Island, Florida, where he has served in a variety of roles, including the vestry, worship team, Alpha, men's discipleship leader and lay preacher. The Garrisons



Photograph from 2015 Conference

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Men's Conference

are also longtime supporters of Young Life, where Gayle has been a volunteer leader for over 20 years.

Hardin is a Professor of Biblical and Theological Studies and the Chair of the School of Ministry's Graduate Department at Palm Beach Atlantic University. He and his wife, Jill, moved to South Florida after a decade in England where Justin studied at Cambridge and was later appointed Tutor of New Testament at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford. He is a dynamic communicator with a passion for teaching the Bible, and he is currently writing a commentary for pastors on 1 Corinthians (Zondervan).

The conference will begin with Evening Prayer and a homily by the Rt. Reverend Victor H. Morgan on Friday night, October 15, followed by a Bishop's Dinner featuring Rt. Rev. William Millsaps (\$15 per person) who will discuss "The Persecuted Church: An Anglican Response"

Saturday will start with Morning Prayer at 8:15 a.m. followed by four presentations on the conference theme with a break for lunch. A boxed lunch will be served. The evening will be open so participants

can enjoy downtown Blue Ridge.

On Sunday there will be an 8:15 a.m. said Holy Communion service and a 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion service. Dr. Hardin is the featured preacher at the later service.

The conference is open to men, lay and ordained, from all Christian denominations. Because the event is a men's conference, regular sessions are open only to those men who have registered. Family members not attending the conference are invited to attend all church services and the Bishop's Dinner.

This is the sixth men's conference at St. Luke's. Previous conference themes include "Living the Christian Life: Challenges Men Face Today," "Man to Man: Sharing the Christian Faith in a Pluralistic Society" and "When Christ and Culture Collide: Confronting Secularism with the Gospel."

The conference registration fee is \$65 and includes a boxed lunch on Saturday.

For more information about the conference call (706) 632-8245. To obtain a copy of the conference brochure and registration form go to St. Luke's website at www.stlukesblueridge.org. †

Thanks to the Seamless Summer crew

The Seamless Summer food program is over for the year, and a special thanks goes to the members of St. Luke's who participated.

The Seamless Summer program is a continuation of the federal school lunch program and provided free lunches to needy children in Fannin County twice a week in June and July. St. Luke's participated in the distribution of those lunches along with other Fannin County churches.

All told, the program served 4942 meals and distributed 6500 pounds of bulk food from the Chattanooga Food Bank and 21,000 snacks from Snack-In-a-Back Pack. Seamless Summer volunteers contributed 1200 man-hours to the effort.

St. Luke's involvement in the program was spearheaded by Joe Brandon. The following members of St. Luke's helped distribute the food: Pat Dearing, Susan Huffman, Jane Koster, Tony McConnell. Bob Morgan, Teresa Wankel, Roger Wankel, Diane Wikander, Fr. Ron Wikander and Meredith Yacavone. Thanks for helping St. Luke's and the community. †

Meet St. Luke's newest acolyte: Finn Thoreson

The congregation at the 8:15 Holy Communion service on Sunday, July 30, had a happy surprise when Finn Thoreson, St. Luke's newest acolyte, led the opening procession down the aisle carrying the cross. It was Finn's first service as an acolyte.

There were smiles on the faces of the congregation, and after the service many expressed joy at seeing a young acolyte at St. Luke's.

Finn, age 9, is the son of Eric and Crista Thoreson of Blue Ridge, GA.

Finn took his first service in stride. "I got a little nervous because there were so many people there but at the end I felt good because I did a good job," he said.

Crista said that Finn was excited about the service. "I was proud of him," she said.

Finn has trained for his acolyte duties under the tutelage of Verger Tony McConnell and Fr. Victor Morgan both of whom praised Finn as a quick learner and for doing a good job. After the service Fr. Morgan remarked that Finn corrected him on a procedural point during the service.

"Having baptised Finn as an infant, it is a delight to see him serving as an acolyte. My prayer is that he will go from strength to strength in his Christian journey. I am now preparing him for Confirmation," Fr. Morgan said.

Thank you Finn for serving St. Luke's as an acolyte, and thank you Eric and Crista for sharing Finn with us. †



Finn is all smiles as he greets the congregation after the service



FROM THE RECTOR

I am beginning to see a few falling leaves of varying colors, a sure sign 2017 is winding down. Another sign that we are nearing the end of another year is where we are in the Church Calendar. As I write, we are coming up on the Ninth Sunday after Trinity.

When I was a young fellow, I found the long green season somewhat boring. No great festivals, just one Sunday after another all the way to Advent. Now that I have become older I have come to appreciate these Sundays and their quiet rhythm.

As the color green implies, Trinity-tide is a season of growth. As the fruits of the garden develop and mature in the summer months, so we develop and mature spiritually in this season of the year. Our Sunday lectionary is the fertile ground from which this growth comes.

In 2017, the Old Testament selections appointed for

Morning Prayer are 'course readings', meaning they proceed chronologically through a certain section of the Bible. During Trinity-tide we have been moving through the first five books of the Bible.

Obviously it would be impossible to read each book in its entirety during our Sunday service, but we are covering some of the key events in salvation history.

By reading the Bible in this manner -- rather than topically -- we are reminded that the Bible is a story that is going somewhere, rather than a collection of interesting but unrelated stories. As you hear these passages read, let me encourage you to consider how the stories found in them fit in with the larger Story of the Bible.

This year may be winding down, but we have much to keep us busy in the remaining months: parish picnic, 2017 Men's Conference, two more candlelight concerts and the Christmas Bazaar . . . to name a few.

Come labor on! We dare not stand idle. ✚

News from the ECW

The ECW is gearing up for our busiest time of year. We've been working on Christmas Bazaar items and have added more workshop dates to our calendar. We welcome one and all to join the fun at our workshops on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., in Thomason Hall. No talent required, just a willing spirit.

We're preparing for our annual yard sale on Friday and Saturday, September 9th and 10th. Ruth Johnson is leading the charge. If you can help with set up, work a two hour shift during the sale or help clean up afterwards, please contact Ruth at 706-633-6107. If you have household items (no clothing accepted), we'll be delighted to add it to our inventory.

We will have a booth at the Blue Ridge Fall Fest on Saturday and Sunday, October 14th and 15th. Please consider donating baked goods such as cookies, brownies, fudge, small cakes, bread or some of those preserves you prepared over the summer. Fall Fest will be at the State Farmer's Market again this year. Please contact Teresa Wankel at 404-375-6702 if you wish to work a shift or can donate items for sale.

The ECW uses the proceeds from the bazaar, yard sale and Fall Fest to support church programs and outreach.

We're really looking forward to our annual Wine and Cheese evening scheduled for Thursday, November 2nd at the church pavilion. It's a great way to meet more of our St. Luke's family. In addition to bringing your favorite wine and munchies to share, we will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for the Blue Ridge Marine Corps League's Toys for Tots. If you've missed the wine and cheese evenings in the past, don't let this one slip by.

✚ Meredith Yacavone

Report on EMC National Synod

The National Synod of the Episcopal Missionary Church (EMC) was held at Christ Church in Monteagle, TN, on July 12 and 13. St. Luke's was represented by Rev. Victor Morgan, Rev. Ron Wikander, Rev. Bob Burgreen and Roger Johnson.

There were the usual business matters to discuss including the treasurer's report (EMC doing okay); reports from the various diocese (outreach activities from St. Luke's and the church in Warrenton, VA); and a discussion of amendments to the canons (all three suggested revisions were tabled). Our bishop's introductory remarks were a great motivator to all in attendance.

Presentations in the afternoon covered a program of prolife activities in the Dallas, TX, area by Rev. Canon Charles Moncreif; mission work in the slums of Austin, TX, by Rev. Peter N'ganda; and Rev. Wikander talking about outreach activities at St. Luke's.

The ordination to the priesthood of John Greaves concluded the day's business.

An invitation for Bishop Millsaps to attend a four way conference of continuing churches (Anglican Churches in America, Anglican Catholic Church, Anglican Province of North America and the Diocese of Holy Cross) was offered by Bishop Grundorf (APA). It remains to be seen if the invitation will be accepted.

It was a good opportunity to "network" where I garnered several persons interest in attending our Men's Conference. I also saw the great respect all of the clergy have for Bsp. Millsaps. He was an inspiration to all in attendance.

✚ Roger Johnson

Outreach Activities at Saint Luke's: Building a Church

by Rev. Ron Wikander

Four Members of SLMG (Saint Luke's Men's Group) travelled to Alabama to help rebuild Rosalie Baptist Church after it had been destroyed by a tornado the previous November. Eliseo Delia and I arrived on Sunday the 25th of June, and Roger Johnson and Neil McDonald arrived Tuesday the 27th. We worked 12-hour days from 6:00 AM until 6:00 PM. We departed on Thursday 29 June with sore muscles and a profound sense of accomplishment in a very worthy enterprise.

Our commitment began as Eliseo encouraged us to join him in a 42-year-old enterprise of church building organized as Constructors for Christ. This volunteer organization of over 400 members is made up men and women of all ages and skill levels who work together to build a church from the ground up in five weeks. The volunteers come from many different states, and Constructors helps assure that all are fed and properly housed during their stay. In some cases, entire families showed up. Some come for a few days, some stay the full five weeks. The food was wonderful; three meals per day with all the fixings. Where else could you work 12-hour days and gain weight?

The fellowship was first rate. Though the majority of volunteers were Baptist, members of all denominations were welcomed heartily. Our common bond was our shared Christian ideals, and there was no shortage of love



Overhead view of the new Rosalie Baptist Church under construction

and comradery.

We arrived on week two. The building complex was framed with the exception of 50 roof trusses we installed in the fellowship hall. We then moved on to interior detail, and ended up applying sheathing to the building roof and exterior walls. We left the site with sheathing completed and roofing shingles scheduled next. We plan to participate again next year, and hope other members of Saint Luke's will join us.

I highly commend this organization and their work.

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Recipe of the Month

This recipe comes from Priscilla McDonald. Priscilla is involved in the ECW and the Knitting Guild. She is always willing to help out wherever and whenever needed.

Easy Baked French Toast Casserole

- 1 loaf of day old French or Crusty bread 14 to 16 oz. (soft bread will result in a soft soggy casserole)
- 6 eggs ▪ 2 cups milk ▪ 3/4 cup half and half ▪ 1 Tbs. vanilla extract ▪ 1 tsp. cinn.
- 1/2 cup sugar (you can cut the sugar in half no one seems to notice. Make to your preference)

Topping

1/2 cup packed brown sugar 1/4 cup all purpose flour
1 tsp. cinnamon 3 Tbs. cold butter

Cut the bread into cubes or tear into small pieces. Place in a greased 9x13 inch baking pan. In medium bowl whisk together eggs, milk, half and half, sugar, vanilla and cinnamon. Pour over bread in pan. Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours or overnight.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

In a small bowl combine brown sugar, flour and cinnamon. Cut the butter into small pieces and place over the flour mixture. With a fork blend butter into mixture until it resembles small crumbs. sprinkle over bread in pan. Cover and bake 20 minutes. Uncover and bake another 20-25 minutes or until golden brown and cooked through. To check, shake the pan if it wiggles a lot it's not done. continue to cook until cooked through completely. Serves 6

Priscilla said she has made this a couple times when visiting in Tallahassee, and her sisters and mother all liked it. Thank you Priscilla for sharing this with us. God Bless You! ✝

Building a church

They have built churches in Alabama, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Virginia, Indiana, Kansas, West Virginia, Illinois, New Jersey, Georgia and Tennessee. All the organization asks of the churches is to provide the building material. The members furnish their own transportation, lodging and food. You can learn more about Constructors For Christ on their website: <http://www.constructorsforchrist.com>. Here is an excerpt:

WHAT TO EXPECT

We work hard but also enjoy quality fellowship and make friends that will last a lifetime. While on the trip you will be provided with three hearty meals each day as well as popsicles, slushies, ice

cold Gatorade and water to keep you hydrated. Our ladies and children work hard to make sure our bellies are full throughout the week. Breakfast consist of biscuits and gravy, sausage, bacon, eggs, fresh fruit, tomatoes, oatmeal, grits and cereal (for those who aren't big on breakfast). From time to time we may throw in a treat of chocolate gravy or pancakes.

Lunch consist of sandwiches, chips, cookies and other desserts, fruit, and veggies for those who want to throw together a salad. We start soon after lunch preparing for our big meal of the day, supper. You will be amazed at what these ladies cook up including meats, vegetables, casseroles, desserts and bread. You will not walk away hungry.

One night a week during each week the group will meet for a night of worship and some fun and laughs. We value the relationships we build during our trips and realize that we go to give a blessing but leave with an even bigger one.

I wish you could have experienced the absolute joy of Roger Little, the middle-aged Pastor of Rosalie Baptist Church. While most churches might lose some of their membership after being destroyed by a tornado, Roger told me that attendance has actually increased, and that worship and fellowship has literally burst the seams of the only original structure left after the devastation. God is good! †



Senior Warden's Corner

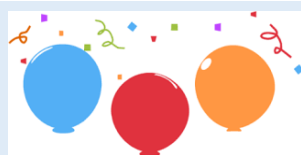
I want to give a shout out to all the members of St. Luke's who do so much for our church and our community. There's not enough space to acknowledge all of you by name. Just know that I, for one, truly appreciate what you do.

I've said it before—a church is defined by its congregation. A church can have the best ministers and leadership in the world but if its congregation is not energized, involved and focused outward rather than inward, then you have a church that is on a downward slope and well on its way to irrelevance.

As St. Luke's looks forward to the next 30 years, we need to strive to stay energized, involved and outwardly focused. Organizations (including churches) have only two ways to go—forward or backwards. Staying in one place, never finding new energy and goals, never changing and never reinventing yourself is a recipe for disaster.

God willing, and with the help of an energized and active congregation, let's keep moving forward.

✍ Jim Yacavone



September/October Birthdays and Anniversaries

September

02 **Pat & Sherron Dearing**
03 Don Hayes
03 Mary Jennis
05 Rose Marie Gorr
05 Dawn Romig
06 Eileen Kerr
07 **Gennie & David Elliott**
07 Diane Wikander
07 Bobbie Ostby
07 Jim Yacavone
07 MaryLynn Kipfmiller
08 Chloe Howard
09 **Richard & Jackie Lumpkin**
09 Andrew Bruce Jr.
10 **Andrew & Betty Jane Bruce**
10 **Randy & Mary Hanzlick**
12 Jodie Emmons
12 Ray Pigott
13 Sally Coleman
13 Robert Banks
14 Cathy Berkinshaw
15 Sam Sartain
16 Zenda Morgan
16 Finn Thoresen
16 Mina Kinder
16 Sherron Dearing
16 Cindy Cranor
17 **James & Elizabeth Langley**
18 Jinanne Parrish
21 Gayle Hayes
21 Betty Lisle
22 **Robert & Gwen Skelton**
23 Robert Skelton
23 Mercedes Misinco
24 Clive Hale
24 Bruce Berkinshaw

28 David Elliott
29 Darlene McClain
30 Betty Tucker
30 Jerry Scott
October
01 Jill Kingsley
03 Bob Lee
03 Matt Roddenbery
03 Deanna Delia
04 Lowell Jacks
05 Richard Ralph Robshaw
08 Heather Finley
08 Mark Kingsley
08 Patsy Williams
09 Todd Lyons
10 Jere McConnell
10 Emily Kirkpatrick
10 Steve & LaRay Hrytzay
11 **Rev. Robert & Lauren Burgreen**
11 **Bob & Lynn Burson**
11 Pat McConnell
11 Ruth Johnson
11 Janyth Adair
13 **Charles & Betty Sims**
13 Jim Tresca
14 Mary Robinson
15 **Eliseo & Deanna Delia**
15 Stan Wyllie
16 Dewey Cates
16 **Tony & Sheila McConnell**
17 Tom Hoffer
20 Bob Herrington
24 **Bob & Anna Herrington**
25 **Neil & Priscilla McDonald**
27 Marge Krutulis
28 Jackie Lumpkin
29 Gail Lyons



Ask the Rector

Q. Are Episcopalians required to conduct worship services using the forms of service and the language of the Book of Common Prayer? Stated another way, are Episcopalians prevented from holding a worship service using another form and different language, as long as the form and words are doctrinally correct?

A. While the services provided in the Book of Common Prayer are normative; nevertheless, on special occasion and with the permission of the Bishop other forms may be used. Examples would include an Advent or Christmas Festival of Carols and Lessons, the Blessing of the Animals, services of thanksgiving, and mission services.

Article 7 of the Church's Constitution, after establishing the Book of Common Prayer as the liturgical standard, says: "nothing in this article shall be construed as restricting the authority of the Bishops of this Church to take such order as may be permitted by the Rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer or by the Canons of this Church for the special forms of worship."

Q. What are anthems and were may they be used in Anglican services?

A. Anthems are sacred texts set to music. "Anthem" is an Anglicized form of "antiphon." Thomas Tallis and William Byrd, both from the 16th century, were among the first to compose anthems. They continue to be composed down to the present day. On page 821, The Hymnal 1940 helpfully provides a list of hymns suitable for use as anthems.

Traditionally anthems have been sung following the third collect in Morning and Evening Prayer. A rubric in the 1662 BCP quaintly reads: "In quires and places where they sing here followeth the Anthem." Anthems may also be sung during the reception of alms. ☩

Dates for July and August

Recurring dates

- ☩ Mon through Fri 7:30am **Matins** read
(Matins and Litany on Wed and Fri)
- ☩ Mon. 10am **Needlepoint Guild** meets at High Hope.
- ☩ Mon. 1:15pm **Knitting Guild** meets in Thomason Hall
- ☩ Green Room: Mon Tue Thu Noon—AA (Serenity Group)
Fri 7pm—AA (Blue Ridge Group)
Mon Thu 8pm—AA (Blue Ridge Group))
- ☩ Yellow Room: Mon noon—Al-Anon
Mon Tue Thu Sat 7pm—NA
Sun 6pm—Al-Anon
- ☩ From Sept. 13 to Nov. 20 the **ECW** will have a weekly **Christmas Bazaar workshop** on Wednesdays in Thomason Hall beginning at 9:30am.

September 2017

- SUN 3 *12th Sunday after Trinity.* HC — 8:15am; 10am
- FRI 8 St. Luke's Yard Sale
- SAT 9 St. Luke's Yard Sale
- SUN 10 *13th Sunday after Trinity.* HC — 8:15am; MP — 10am
- SUN 17 *14th Sunday after Trinity.* HC — 8:15am; MP — 10am
- THU 21 St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist. HC — Noon
- SUN 24 *15th Sunday after Trinity.* HC — 8:15am; MP — 10am
- FRI 29 St. Michael and All Angels. HC — Noon

October 2017

- SUN 1 *16th Sunday after Trinity.* HC — 8:15am; MP — 10am
- SAT 7 Classics by Candlelight — "100 Years of Musical Theatre"
- SUN 8 *17th Sunday after Trinity.* HC — 8:15am; MP — 10am
- FRI 13 Men's Conference
- SAT 14 Men's Conference
ECW Harvest Sale
- SUN 15 *18th Sunday after Trinity.* (St. Luke the Evangelist)
HC — 8:15am; HC — 10am
ECW Harvest Sale
- SUN 22 *19th Sunday after Trinity.* HC — 8:15am; MP — 10am
Church Picnic
- SUN 29 *20th Sunday after Trinity.* HC — 8:15am; MP — 10am

Rev. Heard gives talk on worldviews



The Rev. Thomas Heard gave a thought provoking talk entitled "Worldviews: What They Are and Why We Should Care" on August 1 in Thomason Hall which was well received by the 21 people in attendance.

Heard defined a worldview as the fundamental orientation that a person holds consisting of a set of assumptions about the basic constitution of reality. This worldview impacts how the person answers basic questions about existence: where did we come from, what's wrong with the world, what can be done about it and how should we then live? He said that a person's worldview affects his or her moral, ethical and religious beliefs.

He discussed the Christian worldview and how it answers the basic questions of existence, and he suggested

ways to test the credibility of other worldviews such as atheism, deism and polytheism.

Rev. Heard will give part 2 of his talk on September 5 at 10:00 am in Thomason Hall. He will begin with a short review of the first talk, and then begin to look at worldview in premodern, modern, and postmodern ages. He will discuss what was believed in terms of transcendence, meaning, epistemology, objective reality, and the development of science, for example, in those three time periods. The scope of the talk will show how many in these three time periods held certain views in tension, as worldviews are usually held.

Don't miss this opportunity to gain an insightful perspective on how people view their world from St. Luke's scholar in residence. All persons, including non-members of St. Luke's, are invited. ☩

The Hymnal 1940, Part II

By Pat Dearing

The following is the second installment of a compilation of information from a series of four scholarly articles written by Fr. Daniel McGrath for the magazine *Mandate*, the official publication of The Prayer Book Society. Fr. McGrath is an Anglican priest and holds a doctorate in music from the University of California.

The first installment covered a brief history and background of the Hymnal 1940.

But before I start, let me clear up some confusion that I caused in the previous article and that was brought to my attention by Bob Morgan: that is the reference to the 1979 hymnal, which should have identified as the 1982 Hymnal. The Hymnal 1940 is the 7th in a line-up of eight hymnals from 1789 to 1982. The Hymnal 1940 was supplemented with a considerable amount of resources in 1960 and again in 1976. That version could be accurately describes as the Hymnal 1940-1976. Work on the current standard hymnal of The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America or The Episcopal Church (your choice), the Hymnal 1982, began in earnest in 1979 and was completed as the Hymnal 1982 and is known as the Standard Harmony Edition.

Thanks Bob, because that little bit of history is important. It was the part of the Hymnal's evolutionary strain that began in 1960 and was, in my opinion, a bad branching of the grand heritage of our hymnals up until that time. (Oh, those wild and wacky '60s)

Anatomy of a hymn

Again quoting Fr. McGrath:

If you are like most Churchmen at worship on Sunday morning, you will open your hymnal to the number appointed, focus immediately on the text, and prepare to sing as the organist plays once through the music to get the tune into everyone's ears. As you do so you are unconsciously passing by a wealth of information printed on the page before you, information which tells an interesting story about the origin of the hymn and conveys tips on how best to perform it.

Admittedly, there is so little time to find the right number and scan through the words once, while absorbing the tune from the organist's introduction that any meaningful study of the hymn will have to be postponed for your private devotional or study time. (Preferably not during the sermon—PD).

Fr. McGrath continues:

[F]or this piece entitled *Anatomy of a Hymn*, I have chosen to feature a hymn for Christmas, which is found at Hymnal number 13 and is set to two different tunes. The first tune is called "Winchester, Old" and the second is called "Carol", a tune that requires some rearranging of the structure of the hymn to make it work. (Note that in the St. Luke's pew sheet for the service each Sunday, where a hymn number is listed you will also see listed, all the way to the right of the page, the tune name. On the next line will be the hymn's title line—PD) Right away we notice something important about hymns: that is a hymn consists of text and not of music! Ponder that for a moment. Secondly, a hymn can be set to different tunes, as long as it works out metrically and as long as the tune is appropriate in tone and mood. So, when we speak of a hymn, we are of course speaking of the words. We must understand that the tune or the "music" is of secondary importance to the text, for it is only the vehicle of the text.

Let us take a look at Hymn 13, to the First Tune, Winchester Old. The very first bit of text at the top of the score are the capitol letters C. M. These letters pertain to the meter of the hymn,

Christmas



O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord. A-men.

*5 Child, for us sinners
Poor and in the manger,
We would embrace thee, with love and awe;
Who would not love thee,
Loving us so dearly?

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing;

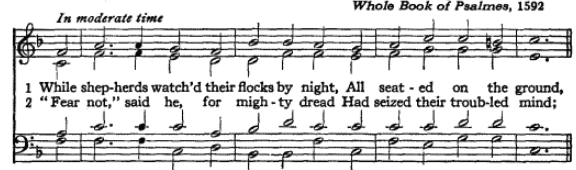
Refrain
Latin, 18th cent.; Tr. FREDERICK OAKLEY and others

13 First Tune C. M.

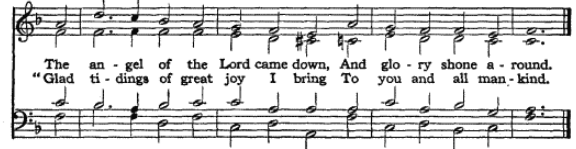
WINCHESTER OLD

In moderate time

Melody from T. Est's
Whole Book of Psalms, 1592



1 While shep-herds watch'd their flocks by night, All seat-ed on the ground,
2 "Fear not," said he, for migh-ty dread Had seized their troub-led mind;



The an-gel of the Lord came down, And glo-ry shone a-round.
"Glad ti-dings of great joy I bring To you and all man-kind.

3 "To you, in David's town, this day
Is born of David's line
The Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
And this shall be the sign:

5 Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God, who thus
Addressed their joyful song:

4 "The heav'nly Babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
And in a manger laid."

6 "All glory be to God on high
And on the earth be peace;
Good will henceforth from heav'n to men
Begin and never cease."

NAHUM TATE, 1700

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and when spelled out, they stand for "Common Metre". For an explanation of Common Metre we turn to the Metrical Index on page 815 of The Hymnal 1940, where we find that Common Metre is explained in numerical terms as (86,86). The numbers represent the number of text syllables in the hymn, for instance in Hymn 13 we have 8 syllables of text ("While-shep-herds-watched-their-flocks-by-night") followed by 6 of text ("all-seat-ed-on-the-ground"). This group of 8 and 6 syllables forms the first division of the text of this hymn. Each verse of the hymn text is thus divided into two metrical statements of 8+6, or eight syllables followed by six syllables. An English teacher identified this for me as one of the standard ballad meters of English poetry: alternating lines of iambic tetrameter and trimeter.

Why is it important to examine the Metrical Structure of the hymn before attempting to perform it? Because it is important to know the terrain of the hymn in order to determine where to take breaths, lifts or extra time for musical phrasing, before launching into the music. Musicians who train professionally learn to consider the larger units of music structure and not to focus too narrowly on the music note-by-note. This helps create a more flowing and beautiful performance by the congregation, and all sing together in unison.

As we proceed downwards on the page of Hymn 13 we come to a line of small print directly above the musical staff. On the left side of the page it says WINCHESTER OLD and on the right side it says Melody from T. EST'S Whole Book of Psalms, published in 1592. In that book the tune was paired with a metrical version of Psalm 84, "How pleasant is thy dwelling place."

Fr. McGrath then expands this information even further:

[I]n the back of the Hymnal 1940, we find an Index of Tunes (beginning with page 819). This is useful for finding hymns by their tune, if you have the name of the tune (as above). Or you can find other hymns that use the same tune. The Index of Tunes tells us Winchester Old is used only once, for Hymn 13. (Unlike, for example, the tune Moscow that is used for three different hymns: 271, "Come thou Almighty King," 272, "Thou who's almighty word," and 537, "Christ for the world we sing."—PD.)



The extensive index of the Hymnal 1840 will help to guide you, beginning on page 795, with the Index of Service Music, followed by the Subject Index of General Hymns on page 799 and the Topical Index also beginning on page 799.

The Liturgical Index (Hymns suggested for the services of the church) on page 804. (Just in case you've wondered how the hymns are selected each Sunday, this page states "To provide the clergy with a ready reference and guide to the selection of suitable hymns for a given day or season of the Church Calendar."—PD) Next you will also find an

Index of Authors, Translators, Sources on page 807, followed by similar sounding Index of Composers, Source, arrangers beginning on page 811. The Metrical Index mentioned earlier in article comes next beginning on page 815 and followed by the Index of Tunes on page 819 and the Index of Hymns Suitable Also for Use as Anthems. The last, and very important index, is on page 822, (A page you should probably commit to memory.—PD) This is the Index of First Lines. We usually remember the first line of a hymn, as that is usually the title of the hymn as well. With the Index of first lines we can find the hymn number and easily find it's location in the hymnal.

As a side note, the pages of the Hymnal 1940 are not numbered until after the last hymn, which is Hymn 600. Hymns are referenced by hymn number only; page numbering begins following the last hymn with page 697. It can be a little confusing and takes some getting used to.

But getting back to Fr McGrath and Hymn 13:

We now come to the text itself, set within a harmonized version of Winchester Old. At the very bottom right of the page, we eventually come to the name of the Author, who is perhaps the most important person listed on the page. Occasionally the name printed at the bottom right is that of a translator. In some other cases the name is that of the person who provided a paraphrase of the original text. The text of Hymn 13 is in fact a paraphrase of a passage from Holy Scripture, Luke 2:8-15.

Hopefully, this short journey into the Hymnal 1940 and the Anatomy of a Hymn by Fr McGrath has been interesting and enlightening to you. I was familiar with what some of the information contained within a hymn was telling me, mainly the meter of the tune since some can be quite tricky, as with hymn 288, "I bind unto my-

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self today," L. M. D. (Long Meter Double). It also helps to know that a hymn's tune name will identify which tune to sing when there are two version of the same hymn back-to-back in the hymnal.

Additionally, I would encourage you to take some time to read the first few pages of the Hymnal 1940. There you will find an important document, the Certificate, which spells out the official authorization for the book itself and instructions for its use. Then comes the Preface, which is an entire history lesson, though brief. I quote from a line in the preface, "The rich history of Christian hymnody in this book is of a like catholicity".

I hope and pray that in learning more about our hymnal's rich history you will be more deeply involved in the singing of these hymns as what they truly are, prayers put to music, and that your singing will always be to the glory of God. As the Venite exultemus Domino tells us, "O come let us sing unto the LORD, Let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation". Maybe your heart will even move you to join our little band of carolers we call the choir. †



Mark your calendars for the parish-wide 30 year anniversary celebration and picnic to be held at the parish pavilion next to the parish house on Sunday, October 22, after the 10 o'clock service.

Hot dogs, hamburgers, salads, covered dishes, ice cream and desserts are on the menu. The St. Luke's Men's Group will be doing the cooking, and the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) will be providing the side dishes. If you are interested in providing a covered dish please contact Teresa Wankel.

Plan to be a part of this special celebration. †

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. *Hebrews 10:24-25*

SLMG installs new baseboards in Thomason Hall

Thanks to the St. Luke's Men's Group (SLMG), Thomason Hall has beautiful new baseboards. The work was started in early June and completed in early July under the direction of SLMG Chairman, Neil McDonald.

SLMG members who worked on the project are: Al Cash, Dewey Cates, Bob Cranor, Bob Jennus, Roger Johnson, Tony McConnell, Neil McDonald, Bob Morgan and Father Ron Wikander. Thank you, guys, for all that you do.

We are truly fortunate to have such a talented and active men's group at St. Luke's. They work cheap. Be sure to buy them a beer the next time you have a chance. †



Bob Jennus



Father Ron Wikander



Tony McConnell and
Neil McDonald



Tony McConnell, Bob Cranor
and Al Cash

Know your crosses, part 3

In this continuing series we look at some of the variations on the Christian cross.



Modern Coptic Cross

The **Coptic Cross** is the symbol of the Coptic Christian Church (so called because it arose in Egypt and the Coptic language is a direct descendant of the Egyptian language that was spoken during the Roman era).

According to ancient tradition, Christianity was introduced to Egypt by Saint Mark in Alexandria during the reign of the Roman emperor Claudius around 42 AD. By the beginning of the 3rd century Christians constituted the majority of Egypt's population, and the

Church of Alexandria was recognized as one of Christendom's four Apostolic Sees, second in honor only to the Church of Rome. There were Coptic Christian communities throughout much of the Middle East.

In 641 AD, Egypt was conquered by Muslims, and Coptic Christians were cut off from the mainstream of Christianity. Under Muslim rule, the Copts were second class citizens but were allowed to practice their religion.

The situation changed beginning in 1952 when Nasser overthrew King Farouk and established a republic in Egypt. Even though Coptic Christians represented an estimated 10 percent of Egypt's population, Nasser's pan-Arab policies imposed restrictions on the Coptic Christians. More recently Coptic Christians in the Middle East have undergone outright persecution.



Old Coptic Cross

The **Cross of Saint George**, is a red cross on a white background and has appeared on many flags, emblems, standards and coats of arms.

Saint George became widely venerated as a warrior saint during the Third Crusade. According to later legend, the crusaders received miraculous help at the siege of Antioch in 1098 from a great army on white horses,

clothed in white and bearing white banners, led by St George, St Demetrius, and St Mercurius. However, there was no documented association of the red cross with St George before the end of the crusades.

The red cross was associated with the Knights Templar from the time of the Second Crusade (1145), and in 1188 red and white crosses were chosen to identify French and English troops in the "Kings' Crusade" of Philip II of France and Henry II of England.

The association of the red-on-white cross with St. George probably arose in Genoa which had adopted these colors for its flag and St. George as its patron saint in the 12th century. The flag's first documented use was as the ensign of the Republic of Genoa.

In 1348 Edward III of England chose Saint George as the patron saint of his Order of the Garter and also took to using a red-on-white cross in the hoist of his Royal Standard. From that date Saint George rose to the position of "patron saint of England" in a process culminating with the abolition of all saint's banners except for the St George's banner in 1552.

A combined British flag was created in 1606 after the dynastic union of England and Scotland in 1603 by combining St George's Cross with the St Andrew's Cross (the flag of Scotland). ☩



Cross of St. George

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St. Luke's Service Schedule

Sunday

8:15 A.M. Holy Communion (said service)

10:00 A.M. Matins (Morning Prayer) and Sermon (Holy Communion, first Sunday and principal feast days)

Weekdays

7:30 A.M. Morning Prayer (said service)

Prayer Book Holy Days announced



On the lighter side

You might be an Episcopalian if while looking for a can opener in the church kitchen, all you can find are four cork-screws.

A little boy was waiting for his mother to come out of the grocery store. As he waited, he was approached by a man who asked, "Son, can you tell me where the Post Office is?" The little boy replied, "Sure! Just go straight down this street a coupla blocks and turn to your right." The man thanked the boy kindly and said, "I'm the new pastor in town. I'd like for you to come to church on Sunday. I'll show you how to get to Heaven." The little boy replied with a chuckle. "Awww, come on... You don't even know the way to the Post Office."

A minister was completing a temperance sermon. With great emphasis he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river." With even greater emphasis he said, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river." And then finally, shaking his fist in the air, he said, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river." Sermon completed, he sat down. The song leader stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, nearly laughing, "For our closing song, let us sing Hymn #365, 'We Shall Gather at the River.'"

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?" "No," replied David! . "How could he, with just two worms."

Sentinel Classifieds

HELP WANTED

Women wanted to help the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) prepare for the Christmas Bazaar. Creativity, artistic talent and experience with handicrafts helpful but not required. Hours flexible. If interested contact Theresa Wankel at 404-375-6702 or email her at twankel@tds.net.

Wanted: Household items and help for ECW annual yard sale on Friday and Saturday, September 9th and 10th. Ruth Johnson is leading the charge. If you have household items (no clothing accepted) to contribute to the sale, can help with set up, work a two hour shift during the sale or clean up afterwards, please contact Ruth Johnson at 706-633-6107.

Wanted: Homemade baked goods, jams, jellies and preserves to sell at the ECW booth at the Blue Ridge Fall Fest at the State Farmer's Market in Blue Ridge on Saturday and Sunday, October 14th and 15th. Please contact Teresa Wankel at 404-375-6702 if you have items to donate or can work a shift at the sale.

Wanted: Church men to join the St. Luke's Men's Group (SLMG) for fellowship and to help parishioners and

those in need. Meetings are infrequent. Must be able to have a good time. Carpentry, yard work, electrical and camping experience not required. Contact Neil McDonald at 407-538-7523 or n.mcdonaldiii@gmail.com.

Wanted: Men and women to help distribute food to the needy at the Fannin County Family Connection Food Pantry. Short two hour shift slots available, 10-12 am or 1-3 pm, Monday through Thursday. Contact Jim Yacavone at 727-480-5356 or at jim.yacavone@gmail.com.

Can you sew, crochet or knit? If so, you can help the **St. Luke's Knitting Guild** knit or crochet lap blankets to donate to the local Hospice organization or sew activity blankets for the Hospice memory unit. Contact Meredith Yacavone at 727-492-0837 or meredithyacavone@gmail.com.

Wanted: Donated items for the North Georgia Action Network to improve the quality of life for the low-income, elderly and home-bound populations in this area. Paper and soap products are especially needed, as well canned foods and baking products, but all items are accepted. Bring items to the church each Sunday.

AVAILABLE

A sign-up sheet for **Altar flowers** is available in Thomason Hall for 2017. Please sign up for days you wish to commemorate.

Pat McConnell has some **leather bound prayer books** and combination prayer/hymnal books for sale. If you are interested, call Pat at 706-632-8443.

Memorial Garden/Cemetery information is available from Pat McConnell at 706-632-8443.



Wine & Cheese Party !

Don't miss the annual Wine and Cheese evening hosted by the ECW on Thursday, November 2nd at the church pavilion. It's a great way to meet more of our St. Luke's family. In addition to bringing your favorite wine and munchies to share, we will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for the Blue Ridge Marine Corps League's Toys for Tots. If you've missed the wine and cheese evenings in the past, don't let this one slip by.

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The generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself. Proverbs 11:25