

FRIDAY UPDATES

September 14, 2018

ECW met Thursday morning, with five ladies present. Plans for the fall bazaar were discussed, table committee chairpersons were selected, and pending the acceptance of those assignments, we are ready to start counting out raffle tickets to mail, make sale tags for the crafts we hope to receive from our parishioners, and begin sorting and pricing the crafts we have already collected. It's always exciting to begin the bazaar work, and yet it is frightening at the same time. Our concerns are: what will sell, what can we create, will we have enough to sell? Somehow it seems to come together. We remind everyone this is the main fund raiser for St. Luke's. It takes participation from all members, men and women, to make the bazaar successful. We hope to see more ladies at the Thursday morning workshops each week to help get it together.

MARIETTA COLLEGE instructor, David Torbett, brought seven of his students who are studying church and state for a tour of our church Thursday morning. The Episcopal Church is mentioned in much of their study set during the early history of the US. Torbett wanted his students to view the inside of our church and to make comparisons between our church and the Catholic Church, which they had visited, and then the Congregational Church, the third church on their list. The students were interested in our Tiffany window and the Stations of the Cross. A couple students remarked about the beauty of the interior and the difference in the comparison to the Catholic Church. It was interesting to observe three of the girls frantically writing notes, while the males in the group were slouched in the pews, totally relaxed and somewhat disinterested appearing. But, I will say a couple of the male students asked questions. I gave them handouts of our brief history and a piece on Episcopalianism.

One of the students was fascinated that we buried ashes in the Memorial Garden. She asked, "Who are the people you bury there?" I answered, "Our members who wish to be interred there." *Silence.*

VESTRY MEETING is scheduled for this Sunday, following services and time for a snack and a beverage at the fellowship hour.

FR. GENE has been attending continuing education this week. We hope he wasn't chased out of the Carolinas early. He should have been back in Ohio Thursday, and home Friday.

PRAYERS – Heavenly Father, we thank you for our many blessings, for those who are healing and for those who have healed. We ask for comfort for those undergoing treatments and surgeries, and for those who are dealing with various health issues. Bless those who have had to leave their homes or to shelter in place to weather the storms. We send our prayers to those suffering from the fires and floods that are plaguing the country. We pray for all those suffering in mind, body, or spirit and ask that you give them comfort. We give thanks to all those who minister to others through thought, word or deed. We pray these things through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

If you have news for the Friday Updates, send them to me at: cadcisler@gmail.com by Thursday morning.