

FRIDAY UPDATES

November 16, 2018

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN - Becky Young will do a short witness talk this Sunday to conclude our Stewardship reflection series. At that time, we will be handing the pledge letter and cards to those present and will mail to the ones not in attendance. Please place your pledge cards in the offering plate or mail to the church by December 2nd so that the 2019 budget can be completed. Thanks, Teresa Essig and Becky Young, Committee.

BAZAAR – The preliminary figures from the Bazaar total around \$2500. After the bills are paid and people continue to shop from the tables at the side of the parish hall, we will inform everyone of the final profits. Sandy Wilson won the cherry log bench and our own Kavant won the Santa throw. Thanks to everyone who donated, shopped, and stayed for the soup and sandwich lunch. The crowd was smaller this year, but the flow was steady throughout the sale. There are honor boxes on the tables, so feel free to shop. Checks should be made payable to E.C.W. or St. Luke's Episcopal Church Women. If you wrote I.O.U.'s, please get those paid to Hazel as soon as possible.

NOMINATIONS FOR VESTRY POSITIONS are open. To date we have no contests and we need Convention positions filled. If you would like to serve as a vestry member or a convention delegate or alternate, please see me, Fr. Gene, or any vestry member and we will be happy to add your name to the ballot. You have until December 16, at which date we must post the ballot on the bulletin board. That is one month before the Annual Meeting in January, the date we will vote. We pray for your decision.

ASSISTANT VOLUNTEERS are needed for the 10:30 service. There are several ways you can help keep the service running smoothly, some with brief training and some with just a few ground rules. Email Callie for more details. stlukesmariettaohio@gmail.com

THIRD STREET SIGN – So far, Ben has not been able to get any of his tricks to work for the sign to resume operation. We will continue to pursue a solution to get the sign operating again. We have been unable to connect with the man who built the sign. Ben thinks perhaps the drivers need to be updated. With Ben working on this after his day job, it is difficult to make the connection with the sign company. The company is in a later time zone, but if the man does not return the calls, we are lost.

VESTRY MEETING SUNDAY following the 10:30 service. Grab your coffee and cookies on the way to the meeting. **CONTEMPORARY SERVICE** Saturday, 6:00 pm. Will discuss alternate times for this service.

COMING EVENTS – December 1, Warren High School Hand Bells Ensemble will play at the contemporary service. December 2, pledge Sunday. December 2, Hanging of the Greens following 10:30 service, chili and cornbread luncheon following. December 9, Door to Door Carry Out lunch. December 16, Gillian Keeley's Annual Christmas Tea at her home at Cornerville (Reno).

BOOKS, BOOKS, AND MORE BOOKS are taking up the seating and floor space in the library. Please go buy some books before we pack them up to get them out of the way. If you can help box them up, please feel free. We need use of the furniture in there by Sunday.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – Marian Kurner 16th; Lindsay Mullen 16th; Nancy White, 20th; Paula Oates, 23rd; Judah Shepherd, 24th. **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** – Becky and Paul Young, 23rd.

PRAYERS – Dear God, we thank you for all our blessings, for those healed, and for those healing. We thank you for family and friends. We pray for people of California who have lost lives, homes, businesses, for the wild life and the farm animals and pets surrounded by the raging fires. Give us grace in our unhappy divisions. Take away whatever may hinder us from godly union. May we glorify God and be of one heart and one soul to serve Him through St. Luke's church. In Jesus' name, *Amen*.