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## FAITH OF OUR MOTHERS AND FATHERS



Often out of chaos and brokenness, beautiful things emerge. As students head back to school, they will hear, once again, that study, hard work and practice--whether in class, sports or band--will give them great results and a foundation for a successful future. When we consider our Christian story, we are reminded of this sequence. The bloody, messy and painful crucifixion of Jesus led to resurrection and the reassurance of new life rising from a broken body and desolation. And our very existence lends credibility to this truth. Each of us came into this world following the pain of childbirth. Yet, throughout time, humans have experienced great joy and beauty in seeing babies enter our world.

Three years ago, none of us could have imagined that we would be in transition for several years. This global pandemic has shifted dramatically the entire way we do and be church. And yet the Spirit abides with us, and our community's strength, creativity and vision has stretched us to be St. Luke's in new and varied ways.

During the last sixteen months, we have witnessed in our world much fear, violence, division, brokenness, and grief. Here at St. Luke's, we have experienced our own pain and grief from the loss of so many in our congregation. As associate priests here, we have been acutely aware of the need to remind this parish of our faith that God will sustain us in times of trial and offer thoughtful, prayerful leadership in such a time of uncertainty.

This beginning of an era has led us to review our own history, outlined so beautifully in Susan Elizabeth Leas' *Alive in Atlanta*. She reminds us that St. Luke's had its birth in 1864 during chaos. Our church was founded in the midst of a chaotic civil war. And though the first church building did not survive that year, the St. Luke's community held an unwavering faith of purpose and mission to rise from the ashes of war. Our current fourth church building, completed in July 1906, also had its beginning surrounded by the turbulence of the Atlanta race riot that fall. Our former rector, the Rev. Cary Wilmer, made a bold move to meet with the brilliant educator and Black leader, W.E.B. Dubois, to calm racial tensions "and establish an atmosphere of greater tolerance."

In our current context, the experience of transition and pandemic combined has stretched our community of St. Luke's to expand in new and profound ways: from the drive-thru Christmas pageant, drive-in Christmas Eve service, and check-in calls to parishioners, to renewing our relationship with the community of Ebenezer and forging new ones with interfaith leaders. St. Luke's has continued to be a vibrant, active presence in the city of Atlanta even while the pandemic had us physically apart from one another.

We are now emerging out of chaos marked by grief and pain into a beautiful unknown. The Holy Spirit is already at work knitting us together anew to celebrate and forge a new path with our rector, the Rev. Winnie Varghese. The heart of who we are as a community remains. We are a community that is committed to following Christ. We are a people committed to justice. And we reflect God's love through not just our words but through our actions.

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## Becca Stevens to speak at Annual Parish Retreat

Becca Stevens is a speaker, social entrepreneur, author, priest, founder, and President of Thistle Farms. As an entrepreneurial leader, she has established 10 justice initiatives and has raised over \$55M in funding. Stevens

leads important conversations across the country through speaking, advocating, preaching and writing. She walks the line between pragmatism and poetry in her message that love is the strongest force for change in the world.



Stevens founded Thistle Farms in 1997 with a single home for survivors of trafficking and addiction. Almost twenty-five years later, it is a global movement for women's freedom. Today the Nashville flagship includes a residential program that serves as a national model for women's recovery, and three justice social enterprises that provide jobs to survivors—amounting to \$4M in earned income last year. Stevens also developed the Thistle National Network to provide tools, workshops, and conferences to support young organizations wanting to follow its holistic model of recovery, as well as Thistle Farms Global Shared Trade, which supports 1,400 artisan survivors in 22 countries.

Additional enterprises Stevens has helped establish include the Center for Contemplative Justice and Larkspur Conservation in the U.S., as well as Escuela Ann Stevens and Sibimbe in Ecuador, Moringa Madres in Mexico, and Love Welcomes in Greece.

Stevens has been profiled by numerous media outlets and her many awards include CNN Hero, White House Champion of Change, and Humanitarian of the Year by the Small Business Council of America. Becca attended the University of the South and Vanderbilt Divinity School, receiving alumnae distinction awards from both. Stevens has also been conferred multiple honorary doctorates.

Stevens speaks to a broad range of non-profit, religious, and business audiences—often in bare feet to show solidarity with those she serves. Drawn from 25 years of leadership in mission-driven work, the courageous stories of women survivors, and wisdom from nature and healing traditions, Stevens inspires and motivates audiences everywhere with practical and loving steps to inspire change in individuals and communities. Her next book, "Practically Divine" will be published by Harper Horizon this month.



After safely spending so much time apart, the theme for this year's Parish Retreat is "Together." Join us November 19-21 as we spend time together as a parish in the North Carolina mountains.

**Registration is underway. We encourage you to do it online: [StLukesAtlanta.org/annual-parish-retreat/](http://StLukesAtlanta.org/annual-parish-retreat/)**

But if online sign ups aren't your cup of tea, use the form on the next page. Fill it out, include your payment, and mail it to St. Luke's. THE EARLY BIRD discount is 15% until September 22. Deadline to register (without discount) is October 22.

If you have any questions contact the Rev. Horace Griffin or Kanuga co-chairs Montserrat Miller and Mignon Crawford.





**VESTRY HONORS COLEMAN BUDD  
FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO ST. LUKE'S**

In the early 1990s, when St. Luke's found itself in a challenging interim period, lifelong member Coleman Budd stepped forward. As Senior Warden, he was effectively in charge. He couldn't have taken that responsibility more seriously. Having recently retired from business, he moved into an office at St. Luke's for about a year and ran the church. During this time, he was affectionately known as "Bishop Budd."

His presence, steadfast leadership and countless hours of work during that critical period brought stability, inspiration and growth to our parish. Yet, it was just one of many times when Coleman dedicated his time and talents to his beloved church. Coleman, who is now in his 90s, for decades has been one of the most faithful and active members of St. Luke's, having served on numerous vestries, search committees and terms as both Senior Warden and Junior Warden. He changed our campus forever when he led the effort to quickly raise the money to buy the Browne Decorating Co., which was on the land that is now our beautiful Memorial Garden. St. Luke's had been trying to buy the property for decades, and when the opportunity finally arose, the window to act with short. Coleman made sure it happened.

Once again, Coleman had dropped everything to make sure St. Luke's would continue to grow, thrive and carry out its mission at an important moment.

In recognition of his remarkable life of service to St. Luke's, the Vestry in January unanimously voted to show its appreciation by renaming our gathering spot the Coleman Budd Parish Hall. Thanks be to God for Coleman's continued presence among us, his deep faith and his decades of inspiring leadership!

*Carrie Teegardin, Junior Warden*

While the Vestry renamed the Parish Hall, the Property Committee has been hard at work in recent months sprucing up and reimagining some areas of our beautiful campus. Come and see the updates to the interiors of the St. Luke Room, the restrooms adjacent to the St. Luke Room, and the Coleman Budd Parish Hall. A new focus on our history is also coming to the Glenn Gallery. Along with a fresh coat of paint, new décor in the parish hall will reflect the themes of celebration, renewal, joy, resilience and growth. It's a work in progress, and we're so excited for the opportunity to gather again in person to carry out these themes. Thank you to the Parish Hall Study Committee and the Property Committee for its hard work in recent months.



**Mark your calendars:**

- Sept. 12 Rally Day  
*EYC Kickoff and Picnic*
- Sept 19 Youth Group 11:30a-1:30p  
*Lunch provided.*
- Sept 26 Walk to the Varsity  
*(Parents pick up at Varsity)*
- Oct 3 Big Wheels Sunday
- Oct 17 Youth Group 11:30a-1:30p  
*Lunch provided*
- Oct 23 Rite 13 Rehearsal Dinner
- Oct 24 Rite 13 Liturgy

**RALLY DAY - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**  
Parish Picnic follows the 10 am service.

As we move toward Rally Day and what we hope -and expect- will be the resumption of in-person Sunday School and other gatherings, it is good to remember that the pandemic is not over and there are still many members of our community who are vulnerable. We plan to continue the Sunday morning service schedule that has served St. Luke's so well during the pandemic. This is not intended to be a permanent change - but we're taking things one step at a time out of concern and love for each of us!

- 8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 9 am Sunday School for all ages.
- 10 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II\*
- 11:30 am Youth Groups, meetings, etc.

*\*The 10 am service will be streamed live.*





## Associate Organist to begin this month

St. Luke's is delighted to announce the appointment of Herbert 'Herb' Buffington as Associate Organist and Artist-in-Residence at St. Luke's, starting September 12.



Herb comes to St. Luke's following a 25-year tenure as organist at Peachtree Christian Church. A native of Atlanta, he received early musical training as a chorister in the Men and Boys choir at the Cathedral of St. Philip, where he also held the position of Cathedral Sub-Organist for several years before entering undergraduate school. He holds degrees from Duke University and the Peabody Conservatory of Music. He also studied

abroad at the Vienna International Music Center and the Hochschule für Musik in Vienna, Austria. He maintains an active solo recital schedule and has appeared in concert at Washington National Cathedral, The Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts in Kansas City, the Cathedral of St. Philip, Bates Recital Hall at The University of Texas at Austin, National City Christian Church in Washington, D.C., the Peabody Conservatory of Music, and Duke University Chapel. A widely respected musician, he has won national awards for organ improvisation and frequently serves on the faculties of church music conferences and improvisation seminars across the country.

Herb and Director of Music Matt Brown will share conducting and service playing responsibilities, including weddings and funerals. "Herb will also be a tremendous asset in helping us grow and develop our new Music at St. Luke's series," Matt says.



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021-2022

Friday, October 29, 2021, 7:30 p.m.  
Cellist Guy Johnston and pianist Chiao-Wen Cheng

November 28, 4 p.m.  
Advent Lessons and Carols

Friday, December 3, 12 p.m.  
Georgia State University Guitar Studio

Friday, December 10, 12 p.m.  
Pianist Portia Shuler Hawkins

Friday, December 17, 12 p.m.  
Atlanta Jazz Trio

Friday, February 25, 2022, 7:30 p.m.  
Organist Stephen Tharp

Sunday, March 6  
4:15 p.m.  
Organ Recital by Ahreum Han  
5:00 p.m.  
Choral Evensong

Friday, April 1, 7:30 p.m.  
Pianist Matthew Manwarren

Sunday, May 15  
4:15 p.m.  
Recital by Cain-Oscar Bergeron,  
baroque flutist  
5:00 p.m.  
Choral Evensong  
*Sung by the Adult Choirs of All Saints' and  
St. Luke's Episcopal Churches*

Friday, May 20, 7:30 p.m.  
2nd Annual Concert for a Cause  
benefitting *Lost-N-Found* and featuring  
baritone *Sidney Outlaw* and pianist  
*Warren Jones*



## St. Luke's Youth & Children's Choirs

SENIOR CHORISTERS  
Grades 6-12

JUNIOR CHORISTERS  
Grades 3-5

PREPARATORY CHOIR  
Grades 1-2



**Register Now!** Please visit [stlukesatlanta.org](http://stlukesatlanta.org)  
or scan the QR code to register for **CHOIR**  
(as well as Sunday School and Youth Group!)



- LEAD Sunday Worship
- TRAVEL on Choir Trips
- SING for Special Services  
(e.g., Advent Lessons & Carols,  
Christmas Eve, Evensong)



Contact Colleen Kingston  
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## FAN TO ADDRESS GUN VIOLENCE



St. Luke's, The Temple, and Ebenezer Baptist Church lament the horrific injury that gun violence has visited upon Atlanta. Join us to learn how we can take positive steps to make our families and our communities safer, followed by a memorial for the victims.

The events begin October 21 with a keynote by Dr. Mark Rosenberg, president emeritus of The Task Force for Global Health, founding director of CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, and former assistant surgeon general. It will be followed by a forum with the Atlanta mayoral candidates moderated by Kevin Riley of the AJC, and Rose Scott from WABE.

Rosenberg will address how taking a scientific approach to gun violence "can guide our efforts to reduce shootings and create safer homes, streets, schools and safer communities for everyone, regardless of race or ethnicity," as the editorial he co-authored in the AJC noted. Scott and Riley, the moderators, will then lead the candidates through a discussion of their plans to address the terrible blight that gun violence has caused in our community.

Then on Wednesday, October 27 we will gather to mourn the terrible harm that gun violence has brought upon its victims, families, perpetrators, and communities. We will recognize the 17 innocent congregants killed or injured on October 27, 2018, at the Tree of Life Synagogue, the 777 Georgians who died in 2020 (including 157 homicides in Atlanta), and the 542 Georgians who have already died in 2021 by guns.

Our churches are the perfect setting for this event—communities of faith have been behind the most important movements to improve the lives of our citizens, so it is natural that The Temple, Ebenezer, and St. Luke's would host these events. Both will be held at St. Luke's on Oct. 21 and Oct. 27 at 5:00 p.m. We invite the entire beloved community of Atlanta to join us either in person or virtually. **Please register online at [StLukesAtlanta.org/registration-and-sign-ups/](https://StLukesAtlanta.org/registration-and-sign-ups/) so we know how many to expect for each gathering.**

Feel free to share this with anyone you think may be interested.



In respect for our Jewish sisters and brothers who will be observing Rosh Hashanah, we are moving the Interfaith Prayer Vigil to the Thursday after the first Monday. Join us for on Thursday, September 9 at 6 p.m. The Reverend Joanna Adams and her colleagues from the Presbyterian Church (USA)

have offered to host the September gathering. The vigils are offered on a monthly schedule and leadership rotates among the interfaith community. All are welcome to join our gathering on Zoom.

The vigil will return to its first Monday of the month schedule in October.

On September 9, you can access the Zoom gathering from the St. Luke's website:

[stlukesatlanta.org/blog/peace-vigil-sept-21/](https://stlukesatlanta.org/blog/peace-vigil-sept-21/)



### Fill the Baskets for Crossroads

**September: Crossroads**  
**Community Ministries** provides services to help people who are homeless find shelter and stability. In

September we will fill the outreach baskets to support their work. Please bring donations of:

- 3-compartment takeout boxes
- socks, t-shirts,
- backpacks,
- books,
- shoes (especially men's 10-12),
- dry goods (chips and snacks, pasta salad dressings, canned vegetables, etc)



WE CELEBRATE THE LIVES THAT MAKE UP  
THE COMMUNITY OF ST. LUKE'S CHURCH.

*Birthdays during September*

1	8	Davis Miller	Riley Turner
Eleanor Chin	Leigh Record	Patrick Thom	23
Ralph Morrison	Cappy Harmon	16	Melita Easters
Janice Turner	Lawrence Ahee	Carter Morris	Stephanie Jones
Connie Lerner	Amy Macklin	James Hicks	24
Sarah Townsend	Earle Turner, Jr	Paige Gaillard	Lou Post
2	Robert Plummer	17	Sharon Johnson
Rebie Benedict	Liam Webber	Frank Bullard	Colleen Kingston
Randy Young	Vincent Byrd	Keith Carpenter	Maxwell McGhee
Kerry Traubert	9	Jennifer Frith Knapp	25
Jenny McBride	Ralph Bush, Jr	Jackson Raitt	Valerie Freer
Wade Morris, Jr	Alex Johnson	18	Toni Burns
Melissa Crozier	Nnenna Odihe	Marion Bunch	John Nunneley
Henry Smalley	10	George Miller	Dwight Gunter
3	Joe Massey, Jr	Elizabeth Meagher	Seth Moody
Sue Sherrill	Marian Brannen	Beth Ventura	26
Beth McDonald	Rocky Merritt	19	Kemp Mooney
Keith Peters	Chiedu Mbeledogu	Charlie Benedict, Jr	26 Brian Opsahl
Polly Bowman	Trenton Tunnell, III	Nancy Goodman	Andrew Guthrie
Brandon Horne	Krista Russell	Thomas Fowlkes	Gavin Raitt
Eric Riddell	Sophia Troy	Travis Raitt	Max Marty
4	Crosby Hutto	Willie Milnor, III	27
Carroll Griffin	Stella Hutto	Caitlyn Murphy	Elizabeth Troy
Brian Iruka	11	Maddie McDonald	28
Fulton Wiant	Patty Curtis	Willa Silvis	Van Hall
5	Mayla Thom	Arthur Paul	Bob Simmermon
Chippy Holladay	Laura Davidson	20	Amanda Wagner
David Todd	Scott Riddell	Catherine Neff	Amanda Bolster
Eugene Iruka	Dorsey Thompson	Sally Plummer	Taylor Hollis
Beth Curtis	12	Liz Chadwick	Tommy Krepp
Heyward Fougrousse	Mary James	Elise Harris	Bobby Gaillard
Kate Boyer	Liz Kustin	Kenny Budd	Davis Kennedy
Blakely Boyer	Laura Hopkins	Tory Winn	29
Calder Stewart	Lizzy Renfroe	Allan Redd	Carolle Perkins
6	Page Fougrousse	Nisa Sommers	Marcia Davis
Marianne Hitchcock	13	Katherine Anthony	Adelaide Steedley
Lyn Barnett	Larry Pinson	Livia Bolster	Emerson Franklin
Jeronia Blue	Susan Evins	Harris Gordon	Bryan Steele
Mimi Bean	Ann Cramer	Ella Budd	Kani Jemmott
David Rector	Charlie Vaughan	21	Liam Daugherty
Rob Ledford	14	Bill Kelly	Will D'Antignac
7	Wayne Vason	Steve Stephens, Jr.	Robin Kaye
Ron Osborne	Bill Bolling	Mary-Louise Wilson	30
Jim Nettles	Jim McCurry	Mary Kathryn Kaye	Elizabeth Rubenoff
Grace Marshall	Mark Scofield	Blakeney Sewell	Lessie Cave-O'Neal
Liz Beal Kidd	14 Sharon Young	22	Danielle Clark
Kim Ledford	14 Vicki Gowin	Candie Howard	Ebuka Nwizu
Victoria Fahmmanesh	Alex Money	Elisabeth Remy Johnson	
Maisy Massey	Katie Vason	Anne Slick	
Jack Marty	Katie Earles	Ngozichukwuka Nwizu	
Eliza Morris	15	Ngozika Nwizu	
	Dianne O'Donnell	Robert Plummer	

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### COLLEGE FRESHMEN AND/OR PARENTS

St. Luke's wants to stay in touch and support you throughout this exciting year. We need to have a college address as well as current e-mail address or phone number for texting so that the College Ministry can send care packages and inform you they are coming. Please send your information to [ginnamcfarling@gmail.com](mailto:ginnamcfarling@gmail.com). Thank you and congratulations to all in this new adventure. *Your presence at St. Luke's will be missed.*

### DEVOTIONALS FOR ADVENT AND LENT

All parishioners are invited to submit a reflection, poem, or photograph for the devotionals for the coming year. The theme is *Gratitude*, but you may reflect on any aspect of your spiritual journey. Everyone has a story to tell . . . Sign up on the St. Luke's Web site. For more information, please contact Elaine Swobe ([eswobe@bellsouth.net](mailto:eswobe@bellsouth.net)).

### Pastoral Crisis or Concerns?

- Call Bethany Trout at 404-873-7610, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., weekdays:
- ✘ To connect with our Pastoral Care staff for such things as illness, hospitalization, miscarriage, divorce, unemployment;
  - ✘ To add a name to our parish prayer list or;
  - ✘ To have someone placed on the St. Luke's Intercessory Prayer list to be prayed for daily.

After-hours & on weekends, call the church at 404-873-7600 to get the name and number of the priest on call.

*May God bless you and comfort you  
in your difficult times as well as your joyful ones.*

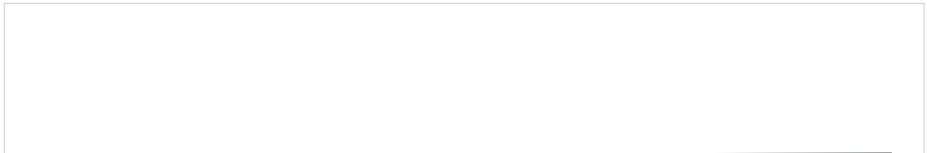
### To Submit Articles

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## Save the Date

THE INSTALLATION OF  
THE REVEREND WINNIE VARGHESE  
AS THE 23RD RECTOR OF ST. LUKE'S

**Sunday, October 17 at 4 p.m.**

*The Rt. Rev. Robert Wright,  
Bishop of Atlanta, will preside*

*The Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor will preach*

*A reception will follow the service.*

