

Chapter 7

A Dynamic Decade

The seventh decade of St. Luke's life has been dynamic. Our health as a congregation was restored following three unexpected clergy resignations. We had tremendous population growth; many new faces could be seen, coming to Sunday services and/or participating in Sunday School classes and Youth groups. And, for the first time, we sent missionaries overseas. As we grew, we tried to keep something of our "neighborhood church" identity by welcoming newcomers into our church family in a variety of ways, and by giving all members of the congregation many opportunities to get to know one another.

1989: Sixtieth Birthday Party

St. Luke's celebrated its first 60 years with a luncheon on Sunday, October 29, 1989. The party was scheduled for the Parish Hall but spilled over into the library and Narthex. The Rev'd Edward Morgan III (St. Luke's rector from 1960 to 1981) preached; some of the "good old boys" (Gerry Brent, Moose Bruce, and Harry Shackelford) cooked the chicken; and Karol Flakowicz showed slides of our history, which had been taken by him and by Dr. Morgan. Special guests were the Rev'd Haskin Little from Texas and the Rt. Rev'd C. Gresham Marmion from Missouri (those two had been among the "Seminary Boys" who ministered to our first congregation in the early 1930's). Copies of the St. Luke's History were presented to all members of the congregation; a leather-bound copy was put in the library.

The Rest of 1989

A Search Committee to find a new rector was appointed in October: John Young, Chairman; Karol Flakowicz, Vice-Chairman; Connie Wilmot, Corresponding Secretary; the Rev'd Lynda Hergenrather, Recording Secretary; and Judy Chase, Don Giles, Mary Anderson Griffin, and Brenda Shackelford. Cathy Fort served as Consultant.

Also in October the Vestry Ordination Committee for Scott Dillard (John Young, Convener; Rob Ashton, Bill DeGraf, Ivy Modjeski, Brenda Shackelford, Bill Walker, and Ann Yeager) recommended to the Vestry that they approve Scott's postulancy for Holy Orders; it was done. In February, 1990, we were notified that Scott had been accepted as a postulant. After graduating from the Seminary, Scott became Rector of Wicomoco Church on the Northern Neck of Virginia, where he still serves.

1990: An In-between Year

Epiphany, which fell on Sunday, was celebrated on January 7, 1990, with a Service of Lights and Evening Prayer.

In March the congregation was saddened to learn of the death in San Antonio of the Rev'd Edward Bush, St. Luke's Rector from 1954 to 1960. In April we grieved when we heard that Megan Edwards, daughter of the Rev'd Myles Edwards (our rector from 1987-1989) had also died.

Our Second Barbecue

In May we held our second Annual Barbecue. The brainchild of Catesby Jones, who is a master barbecue sauce maker, the Barbecue has become a cherished tradition, usually held on the first Saturday in May. A group of dedicated St. Lukers spends the night before the feast at the church, chopping and cooking the meat; the next day we sell to all comers. Proceeds provide scholarships to our annual Fall Retreat.

A Prayer Vigil

From Friday, October 19, through Sunday, October 21, St. Luke's held a Prayer Vigil in the library, chaired by Tee Bouldin and Sharon Ewing. Bishop Lee had requested that all churches in the Diocese initiate a Year of Prayer, preparatory to the upcoming Decade of Evangelism, and this is how St. Luke's began.

A Name Change

In November the Ministers, Lay Associates, changed its name to Pastoral Lay Associates. Since all of us are ministers in many ways, it was felt that "pastoral" would more sharply define the role of the group.

Good News!

As the year ended, the congregation heard good news from the Search Committee. They had decided to recommend someone to be our new Rector and had given his name to the Vestry for its approval.

A Happy, Happy New Year: 1991 Begins a New Era

The Rev'd Charles Neal Goldsborough conducted his first service at St. Luke's on January 27, 1991. Formerly Associate Rector at Pohick Church, Lorton, Neal is a native of Culpeper, Virginia, and received his Master of Divinity degree from Virginia Theological

Seminary in 1981. He was formally instituted as our Rector on May 13, 1991. Neal and his wife Carol and his son Cliff live in Alexandria. Neal was to prove a dynamic and innovative Rector. In March he surprised us by winning an award at the annual Woodlawn Needlepoint Exhibit with his pew cover depicting Mount Vernon. (Those of us who went on the St. Luke's bus to the General Convention in Philadelphia in 1997 saw Neal's needlepoint again; the Altar Guild of the Episcopal Church Women had borrowed it to use in their display.)

And keep reading! Later on our Rector was to become a painter of Icons, a Tour Guide par excellence, and an active participant in the life of the Diocese.

In May St. Catherine's Guild sponsored a benefit dessert concert, "May Pops", which raised \$800 for Fairfax Affordable Housing. Broadway actress Suzanne Briar (Mary Jane Smith's daughter) and Bob Modjeski were wonderful singers, and Jane Bourdow wowed us with the organ's "weekday voice."

Also in May Ben Wilmot's essay in the Evangel highlighted some of the ways St. Luke's had been welcoming newcomers and asked for ideas. We had had official Greeters in the Narthex; Pastoral Lay Associates had called in person or on the phone. For a time visitors took along a loaf of Friendship Bread.

On June 23 we reinstated our Newcomers Luncheon; we have continued this practice once or twice a year. St. Luke's was no longer the neighborhood church many of us remembered, but we were trying to introduce newcomers to as many people as possible, as well as to groups and programs in which they would feel at home. We encouraged—and we still do—people to wear name tags when they come to church.

In July the General Convention of the Episcopal Church was held in Phoenix, and a telephone hot line was set up in the church so

that our congregation could follow what was going on.

Ye Olde Book Shoppe opened for the first time in November. Manned by Karol and Longina Flakowicz and Mary Beth Jones, the shop was open in the Narthex one Sunday each month to sell books of a religious/inspirational nature at a discounted rate. There were titles for both adults and children, fiction and non-fiction. Later run by Pete Matthews, the Shoppe continued until 1998.

1992: No Time for a Warmup

There wasn't time for a warmup. 1992 at St. Luke's started off in high gear. At our January Annual Congregational Meeting, we honored Marty Young for her 10 years of service as Parish Secretary, presenting her a crystal bowl filled with white roses . . . New white carpet was laid in the library. (It still looks good in 1999. Congratulations to all the Neatniks and Scrubbers Up responsible) . . . Dates of the Diocesan Annual Council were announced; Neal devoted a session of the Adult Forum to explaining its workings and accomplishments; and we learned that he had been elected to the Diocesan Standing Committee . . . Several members of the congregation attended seminars held by the Diocesan Committee on Aging and brought back what they had learned to our Older Young Churchmen.

In February the first of a series of classes called Christianity 101 was held. Open to all as refreshers and especially recommended for Confirmation candidates and newcomers, these classes have proved popular and are now offered twice yearly.

We honored Jane Bourdow at a reception on April 5, marking her 10 years as organist/choirmaster. Neal noted that under Jane's leadership, St. Luke's has developed one of the best church music programs in the area.

Jane has been an active participant in and an officer of the Association of Anglican Musicians.

In May St. Catherine's sponsored another benefit concert, this one called "Tunes and Trifle." The trifle was great and the music greater. \$1000 was earned and donated to Project Word, an organization that assists handicapped persons.

In June a busload of St. Lukers went to Camden Yards, Baltimore, to see the Orioles play baseball. Organized by the Rev'd Lynda Hergenrather, the pilgrimage to Baltimore has become an annual affair.

A beloved member of the congregation, Thelma Clark, died in July. Thelma had worked hard to get the stained glass windows in the Narthex when we built our new church. She was a supporter and innovator of many women's activities. And, in her later years, Thelma followed Diocesan guidelines to help to organize and support our Older Young Churchmen.

In July Nancy Cihak was appointed Director of St. Luke's Day School. Nancy is still with us; there are currently 120 children enrolled, ages two and a half to five. The Day School Board of Trustees is headed by Deirdre Parker; Dan Berkon is a Board member. Our Day School continues to be well-regarded; there is always a long waiting list.

In a July Evangel Neal had an article about icons, which have been described as "windows to heaven." He had begun to paint icons, a practice which he has found to greatly enhance his prayer life. A number of his icons are now hanging in the church. And, in 1998, another talent surfaced: Lynda completed her first icon. And she has done more.

In October our five-branched altar candlesticks (the "office lights") were dedicated. They were given in memory of Colonel William N. Carter, by his widow, Jenny.

St. Catherine's held a Fashion Show in November, its proceeds of more than \$1000 divided among UCM, Habitat for Humanity, and the Route One shelters . . . And in December St. Catherine's instituted a tradition which continues: serving lunch after packing cookies for Meals on Wheels clients and wrapping packages for a family "adopted" for Christmas through UCM.

1993: The Larger Church, Study, and Travel

Neal was elected Alternate to the General Convention in 1994. His involvement with the larger church provided new insights for the congregation; he has made it a practice to share the events of the National Church at the Adult Forum and through the Evangel.

In May 11 St. Lukers (Gene Butler, Ernest Chapman, John Ewing, Ivy Modjeski, Peggy O'Connor, John Parrish, John Smith, Marge Stallman, and Sue Wanner--along with spouses Sharon Ewing and Tom Stallman) went to the University of the South at Seawannee, Tennessee, for EFM (Education for Ministry) Mentor Training. The group was completing the third of a four-year program of studies, which includes the Bible, church history, and theology.

Neal and seven members of the congregation (Ilga Pakalns, Lynda Hergenrather, Marge and Tom Stallman, Marty and John Young, and Bobbie Hurlburt) went to the Holy Land in the fall, under sponsorship of the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. They stayed at St. George's College in Jerusalem and met a number of Arab Christians, as well as American and British missionaries. They visited the Ahli Arab Hospital and learned of the medical needs of the community. This trip paved the way for subsequent missionary efforts in this part of the

world; St. Luke's has continued a fruitful relationship with the area.

1994: What a Year!!! We hire Joani, we honor Lynda, we hold the first Craft Fair

In January a neighbor who is not a member of our congregation wrote us: "We enjoy hearing your bell ring." (Our bell was given by Bob and Ivy Modjeski in September, 1993, in memory of Ivy's granddaughter, Heather Marie Chriss). And we had a lot to ring about! Thanks to a special DCE Campaign, we had amassed enough money to refinance our mortgage and hire an Assistant to the Rector, who would preach and conduct services and would also direct the Christian Education programs. The Search Committee (Rob Ashton, Chairman; Paul Johnson, Joanne Kinney, Lisa Maple, Jo MacMichael, Dru Vodra, and Sue Wanner) chose Joan Louise Peacock-Clark, and she was hired by the Vestry.

Joani (married to Bill Clark and the mother of Zach, Colleen, and Jacob) is a native Washingtonian, who had a career with Fannie Mae and worked as a Montessori teacher before going to Seminary. Her undergraduate degree from George Mason University is in Philosophy and Religion; she was a May, 1994 graduate of VTS. In December Joani was ordained to the Priesthood at the National Cathedral. The preacher was the Rt. Rev'd Robin Eames, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of all Ireland.

Joani's first Sunday with us was June 1. In her five years at St. Luke's she has developed outstanding education programs for both children and adults. She has added a book discussion group (Starbridge Study Group), Popcorn Theology (a movie discussion group for adults), and a Women's Retreat, held each February. Under her leadership our youth groups and Sunday School have grown tremendously. And a special tradition which Joani developed is

an annual list of books for reading at the beach, compiled in Adult Forum at the beginning of summer.

June 24 was the 15th anniversary of the Rev'd Lynda Hergenrather's association with St. Luke's. She came to us as a Deacon in June, 1979, then served as Assistant Rector, then as Priest in Charge. She is now our Priest Associate, and her contributions to St. Luke's are myriad: She sings the Great Litany at the beginning of Advent and Lent; chants the Exultet at the Great Vigil of Easter; creates stained glass objects and sells them to benefit the church. She began and continues to administer our yearly trip to Baltimore to see the Orioles play. She served on the 1990 Search Committee, the Craft Fair Committee, and the Capital Campaign Committee. Lynda also preaches ably when Joani and Neal are away, and she holds a full-time job as a computer programmer.

In September we held our first Craft Fair. Chaired by Lisa Maple, the fair has become an annual event. We rent space to many crafters . . . Lynda sells her stained glass . . . we serve lunch . . . we have a Silent Auction and a fantastic Bake Sale (to which almost every St. Luke's family contributes.) The Fair usually earns around \$4000.

1995-1996: A Great Loss . . . Steady Growth

In February, 1995, we mourned as a congregation when we heard of the death in North Carolina of Gay Davis. Gay had served St. Luke's in many ways: as a Vestry member, Day School Director, Monday "Office Lady", UCM Advocate for the Poor, EFM student, Sunday School teacher, and the author of a wonderful article published in the Virginia Episcopalian, "Mary Had a Baby." This story received an award from the annual Conference of Episcopal Communicators.

In May Neal was elected Charter President of the Episcopal Armed Services Chaplains' Association.

In June EFM I class graduated (see list of members in May, 1993). John Ewing had served as the group's mentor, assisted during part of the four-year program by the Rev'd Sarah Trimble.

In the summer of 1995, we began to open the church daily for prayer. A Sanctuary Lamp was purchased, whose flame would always illumine the altar. The lamp was given by Mary Ellen and Peggy Hombs in honor of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of their parents, Marie and Roger. It was dedicated in January, 1996.

Travel

Fifteen St. Lukers and a couple of friends, led by Neal, went on a pilgrimage to England and Scotland from August 23-September 5: Neal's son Cliff, Bobbie Bruce, Bobbie Hurlburt, John and Marty Young, Ernest and Elizabeth Edgar, Tom and Marge Stallman, Burt and Vivian Kronstedt, Lynda Hergenrather, John and Lillian Andrews, Sally Messick (Gayle Gilmore's mother), and Teale Zetterstrom (a friend of Bobbie Hurlburt).

The group visited the most famous English cathedrals: Durham, York, Coventry, Winchester, Salisbury, Canterbury, and St. Paul's . . . as well as Westminster Abbey and other churches, the Tower of London, Edinburgh, the Costwolds, Stratford on Avon, and Stonehenge. Stalwart pilgrims, to say the least!

Ecumenism

St. Luke's hosted the annual Virginia LARC service on Tuesday, January 23, 1996. Suffragan Bishop David Jones was the celebrant; Bishop John Keating of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Arlington preached; and the Rt. Rev'd E. Harold Jansen, Bishop Emeritus,

Metropolitan Washington, DC, Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, assisted. Muriel Drake continued to attend the LARC conferences on a regular basis, as she has done for a number of years. . . . St. Luke's Children's Choir sang at the Martin Luther King Festival at Bethlehem Baptist Church . . . We formed a partnership with Iglesia de San Marcos, a Spanish-speaking congregation which uses the facilities of St. Mark's Church in our Region; Maria Drury translated our Sunday School curriculum into Spanish; Joani and Skip Jones went to the church on three Sundays to work with the parents who were going to be the Sunday School teachers.

Neal's Sabbatical

The Vestry granted Neal a five-months Sabbatical as he reached his five year anniversary as our Rector. We sent him off at Easter with a special song; he would study for a month at St. George's College in Jerusalem and then worship at All Saints Episcopal Church in Beverly Hills, California, as a lay person. In his letter from Nablus, Neal described the opening of the 23-bed St. Luke's Hospital. From Beverly Hills he described painting his first icon, now "at home" at St. Luke's. The icon shows Saint Luke in his home, writing his Gospel.

Upon his return, Neal was named to the Board of Trustees of the Episcopal Boys' Home in Covington, Virginia.

1997: M & M's (Marty, Missionary Activity, Mutual Ministry Review)

Marty Young was given the title Parish Administrator when we celebrated her fifteenth anniversary with us at the Annual Meeting in January, 1997. Neal described her as ". . . friend, evangelist, problem solver, liturgical consultant and assistant, confessor, keeper of

the calendar, crisis manager, trouble shooter, and traffic cop."

Lynda Hergenrather and Marge Stallman went to Israel for five weeks in January/February, where they used the \$4700 donated by St. Lukers to set up a medical library at the Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza. The medical library was dedicated by the Archbishop of Canterbury on March 15.

In October, Dr. Ben Wilmot, a retired pediatrician, and his wife Connie, a retired family counselor, went to Ahli Arab Hospital for a month. Ben observed at the hospital and made recommendations for some equipment which the hospital needed. (St. Luke's later sent \$5000 to buy an EKG machine for their Emergency Room and money to buy Baker tubes for use in intestinal surgery.) Connie accompanied the social workers on their rounds and gave three seminars for health care professionals; she visited a YMCA day school, a school for Down's Syndrome patients, a Woman's Health Clinic and refugee camps.

The Vestry approved a Mutual Ministry Review and appointed a Steering Committee, chaired by Charles Kinney. Other members were Gerry Brent, Bobbie Hurlburt, Sally Hurme, Marjy Rawle, Bob Schreiber, Paula Vickers, and Susan Young; Cathy Fort was Consultant. After distributing survey forms to the congregation and meeting with 70 people in eight small group discussions, the committee announced its findings: They found that St. Luke's is a ". . . diverse, tolerant, and inclusive congregation . . . that gives more than lip service to lay ministry . . . ministers to the wider community . . . a warm, welcoming place with an . . . exciting, innovative education program and a rapidly growing youth group."

In April we marked Jane Bourdow's 15th anniversary with us. Neal noted that in addition to serving exceptionally well as St. Luke's

Organist/Choirmaster, Jane was currently National Secretary for the Association of Anglican Musicians.

In May EFM Class II graduated (Bobbie Bruce, Claudia Carpenter, Joyce Herge, Ilga Pakalns, Bob Schreiber, Brenda Shackelford, and Mary Catherine DePolo). Gene Butler and John Ewing had served as Mentors.

“Captain John” Smith was honored with a reception in June. John had been Director of the Crucifers Guild for 35 years, and a number of his grown-up Acolytes came for the celebration. Bishop Lee, the Rev’d Charles Johnson, and the Rev’d Edward Morgan III sent letters of congratulation. Processional torches were given to commemorate John’s years with the Crucifers’ Guild. John was truly the “grand old man” of St. Luke’s. He had many years of Vestry service—several times as Senior Warden—and served as Chairman of the Search Committee when Ed Morgan left in 1981 . . . Sadly, John died a year later, in July, 1998, and a great crowd attended his funeral at St. Luke’s.

In August the last weekly Evangel was published, and we went to our present monthly format. Marge Stallman has been editing the publication; John Andrews did the layout until his sudden death in June, 1999; Lynda Hergenrather and Debbie Styles now assist Marge.

In the fall a new blue burse and veil for the chalice were purchased, along with stoles for the clergy, to be used during Advent; the lovely color is a departure from the more traditional purple (which we still have and will doubtless use again.) St. Catherine’s presented the clergy with special stoles to be worn on UTO Ingathering Sundays. Susie Ashton, Jane Bourdow, Michal Turner, and Dru Vodra did the needle work and stitchery on the stoles; Debbie Styles was a consultant and donated most of the fabric.

In December St. Lukers responded to a survey of favorite hymns. Our five favorites, in order, are *Amazing Grace*, *Onward Christian Soldiers*, *Rock of Ages*, *Eternal Father Strong to Save*, and *A Mighty Fortress is our God*.

1998: The Capital Campaign (Commitment to Tomorrow) Begins

At the Annual Meeting in January, retiring Senior Warden John Young reported on plans to mount a Capital Campaign to raise enough money to make our building accessible to handicapped people, to replace or repair our ailing pipe organ, and to pay off our mortgage. John’s phrase, “It’s the right thing to do” became a watchword. By summer a Steering Committee chaired by Rob Ashton (members were Bobbie Hurlburt, Chris Kidd, Richard McFarland, Ivy Modjeski, Dru Vodra, Chris Weaver, and John Young) was in place; Penny Saffer was hired as Consultant. In December Ben Griffin and Connie Wilmot were appointed to chair the pledge phase of the Campaign, which was called “Commitment to Tomorrow.”

In January Muriel Drake was recognized for her 20 years of service as Chaplain at Mt. Vernon Hospital . . . Also during this month two long-time members of St. Luke’s, Adelaide Bolte and Ed Palmer, died.

A new Processional Cross was dedicated on Ash Wednesday, a gift to the church from Neal. The Byzantine design features a painted figure of the crucified Christ on a deep red background; the reverse side is a plain wooden cross with the Celtic symbol for St. Luke, the winged ox. The cross is used during the Penitential seasons.

A fascinating article in the June Evangel gave a history of our ailing pipe organ. It was built in 1972-73 to replace the electronic Baldwin organ we had been using since 1955. The money

came from the August L. Cotton Memorial Fund (August Cotton was a Junior Warden at St. Luke's in the early 1950's.) Part of the work on the organ was done by untrained volunteers, and the work was never completed. It has been with the greatest efforts by Organist Bourdow, along with frequent trips to the loft by such stalwart St. Luke's "fixers" as Tom Stallman, that our organ has continued to function. An organ maintenance company consulted in 1986 had pronounced the instrument "unserviceable."

A Prayer Vigil on behalf of children and young people was held August 29, just as a new school year was to start. St. Catherine's sponsored the Vigil and staffed the church from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. so that people could come in and pray.

In December it was announced that enough money had already been contributed for us to pay off our mortgage, and that Trinity Sunday, May 30, 1999 would be a service of Dedication and Consecration, followed by a catered luncheon.

1999: It All Comes Together

Kickoff Sunday for Commitment to Tomorrow, February 7, was a merry occasion, as we symbolically burned our mortgage at each service.

And May 30 was truly a glorious day in the life of St. Luke's. 350 people were present as the Rt. Rev'd David Colin Jones consecrated our mortgage-free church building. Lunch was served in the Parish Hall and under tents outside. St. Lukers had pledged more than \$652,000, and we were ready to go forward with the organ and the elevator construction. Thanks be to God! A granite stone was installed inside the center doorway; a cross and the consecration date were etched into the stone.

St. Luke's had never looked lovelier than it did on May 30. Susie Ashton's Master Landscaping Plan, adopted by the Vestry in

1991, was almost complete. Perennials were in bloom along the edges of the building ; boxwoods (a gift from Bill Robinson) shaded the patio benches. The 11 Zelkova trees, planted in 1996, given as memorials, looked healthy . . . as did the magnolias on the Fort Hunt side and the red oaks and American yellowwoods planted by aspiring Eagle Scouts. Thanks to the St. Lukers who planted, mulched, laid brick, installed the wooden garden benches, and came faithfully to weed and water. Susie Ashton, JoAn Rice, John Young, and Chris Weaver were among them.

(During the decade covered by this history many gifts added to the beauty and serviceability of our indoor plant as well . . . In November, 1989, Ben and Mary Anderson Griffin donated a beautiful Chinese style area rug for the library . . . In 1991 a new brass Baptismal shell was donated by Mary Jane Smith; a brass candlestand for the Pascal Candle was given in memory of Charles N. Hergenrather and R. M. Starcher. In 1992, under the leadership of John and Mary Jane Smith and with contributions from St. Catherine's and from the families of Thelma Clark and Dorothy Palmer, a kitchenette was added to the library. It has been a great convenience to the many groups which meet there not to have to bring everything down from the kitchen upstairs . . . Eucharistic candlesticks and a Gospel Book were given in memory of Captain William H. Patterson. Hymn boards were given by Joan Reichard in memory of her husband, Rick, and handbells by Connie Chappel in memory of her husband Wesley...At Easter, 1997, the original rectangular altar from the "Old Church" was restored to its accustomed place, the trapezoidal one being de-consecrated and put into the Narthex, where it has been used for displaying our Christmas creche and for the placing of palms on Palm Sunday . . . Torches to be used in the Processional were given in memory of Gretchen Gregory, Louise

Clark, and Aimee Williams...A permanent Frontal, whose floral patterns contain all the colors of the Church Year, was given by an anonymous donor and put in place on the restored altar . . . In 1998 the Kidd family donated new green, red, and purple burses and veils, in thanksgiving for their children...Also the colored glass panes in the main entrance door were replaced with clear glass, in order to lighten the Narthex, enabling us to walk therein more safely, yet making us more welcoming and visible to the outside worldCurb cutouts for wheelchair access were enlarged and improved in design; two handicapped-accessible rest rooms were built.)

OYC (Older Young Churchmen)

Throughout the decade, the OYC continued to provide fellowship for older members of the congregation. A fall picnic has become an annual event, hosted at different times by the Renauds, Smiths, and Modjeskis. A pool party at Jenny Carter's was often a June event. The OYC took some exciting trips, including one to the James River plantations and one to Lexington. Neal was travel guide for visits to interesting churches in the Richmond area; on the Northern Neck; and to Maryland's Eastern Shore. A Christmas party in the library became an annual tradition; there were frequent theater trips; and people still talk about a Mystery party in the library, hosted by John and Mary Jane Smith. Bobbie Hurlburt is OYC's unofficial but very efficient leader; she does the telephoning and coordinating that make each event a success.

Clerical Assistance

During the decade, St. Luke's received clerical assistance from many. The Rev'd Elly Murphy (Brown) served as Assistant Rector; the Rev'd Patrick Gray and the Rev'd Andrew Tibus were at different times part-time Assistants. The Rev'd Wesley Smith served as Interim Rector

1989-1991. Betty Dunlop was Director of Christian Education 1989-91.

Seminarians Richard Wrede, Laura Minnich (Lockey), Fran Stanford, C. Andrew Doyle, and Sandra Moyle were later ordained; Donna Foughty was already a deacon when she served at St. Luke's.

Day Dodson and Beth Strickland earned their degrees from VTS in Christian Education.

Blair Pogue, who will receive her Ph.D. from the Berkley Divinity School at Yale in the spring of 2000, was our summer Seminarian in 1999. Dewey Brown, a middler at the Seminary, has just come on board and will be with us for two years.

Outreach: St. Luke's Touches the World

St. Luke's Outreach over the past ten years has extended far and wide. The Vestry has designated special offerings to the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief and the Diocesan Fund for Human Need; to the Covington Boys' Home and the Jackson-Feild Home for Girls The Episcopal Churchwomen have administered the United Thank Offering with its semi-annual Ingatherings, as well as collected loose change for the Church Periodical Club, which supplies Christian Education materials to those who need them The church supports United Community Ministries in many ways, as well as local homeless shelters. We have given to Fairfax Affordable Housing , the South County Housing Coalition, to Second Genesis and to the Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry. The Community Outreach Committee has sponsored special outreach projects frequently during the past few years, such as providing school supplies for needy kindergartners and over-the-counter medicines for shelter residents. One fall Marge Stallman made 24 denim tote bags for the children at the Bryant Early Learning Center

In 1995 St. Luke's contributed \$1325 to a program developed by Bishop of the Armed Forces Charles Keyser to bring Episcopal priests to Russia to instruct Russian chaplains; this was the first time Russia had had chaplains since 1918...Special Outreach events are the CROP walk in the fall, with donations going to feed the hungry, and the Holy Rollers' ride for Multiple Sclerosis each spring. There are St. Lukers, like Skip and Marjy Jones and others, who ride their bikes more than 100 miles in this good cause. This is not all of our Outreach; it is merely a sample to show our wide involvement.

Involvement With the Larger Church

A number of St. Lukers have been involved with the Episcopal Church at the Diocesan or National Church level during the decade. Susie Ashton and Marge Stallman have served on the Commission for Lay Ministry; Marge also served for a year on the Budget Committee for Annual Council. Martha Barfoot has been a member and Secretary of the Standing Committee and has chaired the Resolutions Committee for Annual Council; she is currently Administrative Vice President for the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese. Ivy Modjeski is on the Missionary Society Board. Sue Wanner has been Recording Secretary of the Diocesan ECW and currently serves on the UTO Grants Committee. Ben Wilmot is a member of the Board of Trustees of Goodwin House. John Young serves the Bishop of the Armed Forces as part of a team that interviews candidates for military chaplaincies. Drew Hutcheson, Jr. , also assists that Bishop as a member of the Council of Advice for Prison Ministries.

Fall of 1999

As this chapter of our history goes to press, we look back with pleasure to June 20, when we

celebrated the 20 years the Rev'd Lynda Hergenrather has been with us, as well as the anniversary of her ordination. For a summary of Lynda's many contributions to the life of this parish, see the information for 1994 . . . And we look back with sadness to the deaths of four long-time St. Lukers during the spring and summer: John Andrews, Bill Banks, Carlyle Burdette, and Jules Renaud... We have just had our second Prayer Vigil on behalf of Children. .. And Joani has left us. Temporarily, thank God, for we all miss her energy and enthusiasm, as well as those special "Joani" sermons. She has been with us five years, and the Vestry has approved for her a three-months Sabbatical, which she is spending in various ways: traveling in Ireland and Scotland; singing in a choir; interning with the Office of Pastoral Development in the National Church; and college shopping with Zach. She will be back for Advent! Happy New (Church) Year to all! May we continue to grow in the service of Our Lord in the new Millennium.

