

The Lutheran Contact

February 2019

Maria Knight, Editor



The Season of Epiphany began with the arrival of three noble travelers bringing gifts for the newborn Christ Child.

King Melchior was played by Bill Nicoll, King Caspar by Chris Collins and King Balthazar by LeRoi Armstead. The King Singers were Ernie Frank (stepping in for Kurt Bastian) Scott Compton and Will Frank. Special thanks to Eric Hepp and John Knight for musical accompaniment. Star bearers were Niels and Ollie Nicoll. Production manager was Maria Knight.

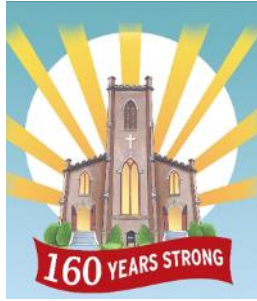


The 2019 FELC Annual Meeting was held on January 13, after a potluck lunch. It was very well attended.

Reports were given by the Pastor, Council and the Committee chairs. Copies of the Annual Report booklet are available by request to the Church Office.

We thank outgoing President Linda Connors, who will remain as a Council member, and to the outgoing members Eric Hepp and Shirley Mowell. Welcome to new Council member Rosemary Compton. Elizabeth Collins has rejoined the Council and will serve as President. Karen Butts will be Vice-President.





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325 Mill Street
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601



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Deacon Peter Slingerland
Mr. Eric Hepp—Music Director
Mrs. Maria Knight—Office Administrator

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FELC Congregational Council

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Pastor Deborah is out on medical leave until March 3.
In case of a Pastoral Emergency, please contact Council President Beth Collins.

FROM the CHURCH OFFICE

The office will be open three -four days a week on a variable schedule. Phone messages and emails will be answered as soon as possible.

With thanks ,
Maria Knight, Church Office Administrator

**Boxes of offering envelopes for 2019
are available in Fellowship Hall.**

**Please contact the church office if you
wish to have yours sent by mail.**

A message from the Deacon 's Desk~

On January 20th, I was supposed to lead the service and give the sermon since Pastor Deborah is on medical leave with the surgery she has had. But God stepped in, like He does frequently, and brought ample snow and ice to cancel the service. It was the right thing to do with the weather being what it was.

The gospel that day was from John 2 about the wedding at Cana with Jesus performing His first miracle. As many stories from the New Testament, the gospel text included other things that we should understand along with the actions that Jesus did as part of the story itself.

The story in the gospel has Jesus attending a wedding with His mother Mary. As the gospel writer has it, this story is one of only two stories in John that includes Mary. The only other time Mary shows up in the gospel of John, is when Jesus is crucified and she is seen at the foot of the cross that Jesus is hung on.

The other interesting things from this gospel story is some of the language that is used that might confuse many readers of this story. Some of the language actually helps guide us to other stories that are in John. First the language that could confuse or trouble us.

When Jesus talks to His mother Mary, He doesn't call her Mother or Mom or Mary. He calls her "Woman". Have you ever called your mother, WOMAN? I would guess not.

When they are told the wine is gone and Mary goes and tells Jesus, "They have no wine." And He continues by saying, "What concern is that to you and to me?" At this point, Mary takes over and tells the servants to do what Jesus tells them to do. They do and the water becomes wine.

Some of the other language that John uses is probably not troubling, but points us to important events later in Jesus life. The language in John that refers to a miracle performed by Jesus is called a "sign", not a miracle. A "sign" shows believers that other events will happen to show Jesus is the Son of God. During Jesus life, other people were known for some miracles, so John uses the word "sign" to differentiate Jesus from the others.

At the beginning of this gospel reading, John uses the language "on the third day". Why does John say it this way? It's also probably leading us to Jesus crucifixion. John includes this story of Jesus turning water to wine. Again, it's to lead us to His last supper and the Eucharist.

The last verse of this story in the gospel of John mentions that "Jesus did this, the first of His signs...and revealed His glory, and his disciples believed in Him."

John wrote his stories so everyone would believe Jesus is the Son of God. His stories makeup our life stories as well. Our life stories include Jesus so others will know Jesus gives us purpose throughout our lives. May we continue to keep Jesus at the center of our lives so our life stories will be remembered by everyone we touch. And I pray that they find and we continue to make Jesus part of their life as well.

Deacon Peter Slingerland

SPECIAL GIFTS

Received with thanks 1/06 -1/27

Blanket Sewers Fund In memory of Jean Keebler *Frieda Popp*

General Fund Thanh T. Su and Hon Thi Su

Memorial Fund In Memory of William Rudloff- *Lorna Davis*
In Memory of Jean Keebler—*Lorna Davis*
In Memory of Ludwig and Elsie Merte—*Eunice Merte*

Organ Fund *Ernest L. Stoetzner III, Kurt Bastian , Lorna Davis*
In memory of Jean Keebler -*Diane Wood Miller*
In memory of Bill Rudloff—*Diane Wood Miller and Frieda Popp*

Thank Offering *Maria Knight*



Habitat for Humanity Dutchess County held their "Points of Light" Volunteer Recognition Party here at FELC on January 24. A partnership between Thrivent Financial and Habitat DC on a new build in Wappingers Falls was announced. Thank you to Robin Frank and Will Frank for their work on the event and deep appreciation to all the volunteers and staff of HfH-DC.



A MESSAGE FROM THE FELC PRESIDENT

Much to surprise of many, I imagine, I have agreed to join council again and serve as its president. We have some big challenges facing in the coming year:

- Are the sanctuary walls going to need costly repairs soon or are they ok for the near future?
- Will the organ continue strong or will it be time for the "phase 2 (or 3)" work that Eric previously has identified?
- What might it mean for FELC if a multi-use building (stores below and apartments above) gets built in the Crannel St. parking lot?

And more...

Pastor and Linda both urged me to take on leading the congregation as we work through these questions. They both appear confident that I will be capable of doing so but I also ask for your support as we move forward. I am excited to have a strong team to work with me on the council, however I also will need to have chairpersons clearly identified for all of our committees.

In particular, we have an urgent need for someone to replace me as the mutual ministries chair. This committee does not have frequent work, but at the annual meeting we approved hiring a sexton, so it does have some urgent work (hiring said sexton). I have drafted a clear list of what needs to be done and when, in the hopes that it will be easier for a new chair to step in. We have excellent members of this committee, just no leader. If you are interested in helping in this area, please contact me.

Beth Collins

Proverbs 11:14 - Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety.



**DUTCHESS COUNTY
INTERFAITH COUNCIL, INC.**

Invites you to our

14th Annual Peace Story Concert

Sunday, February 10 at 2:00 p.m.

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
(67 South Randolph Avenue, Poughkeepsie)

Storytellers: Lorraine Hartin-Gelardi,
Jonathan Heiles, Muriel Horowitz, Ken Karnas,
Karen Pillsworth, Mary Platt and Ron Sopyla

\$10.00 Suggested Donation
All funds will go to the Coming Home Project
(which helps previously incarcerated people
to reintegrate into our community)

For more information:
(845) 471-7333 or office@dutchesscountyinterfaith.org

Visit us at www.dutchesscountyinterfaith.org

100 Cups of Coffee Community Gathering
Sunday Feb. 17th 1:00pm-4:00pm
Fishkill Recreation 793 Route 52 Fishkill

*Topic: "Religious Diversity & Compassion:
Strengthening Inclusiveness "
How do we overcome hatred?
What positive changes can be made?*

**A Transformative Dialogue Project of the
Dutchess County Human Rights Commission.**

For more information or to RSVP contact:
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Jody Miller: jmiller@dutchessny.gov

LUNCH ‘n LISTEN

Our January 9th Lunch ‘n Listen concert featured the Golden Age Singers with an interesting program of “Golden Oldies” called “Songs from Yesteryear “. The audience was very appreciative.



Our next L&L concert will be on February 6th and will present classical pianist Ariana Barkeshli. It promises to be a wonderful concert; please be here.

The Hyde Park Chamber Ensemble, will appear in concert on March 6th. This is a sextet of Hudson Valley woodwind musicians including our own John Knight on bassoon, with pianist Laurie Woolever. The program includes works by Bernstein, Reicha and Piazzolla. Please mark your calendar and invite your friends !

All L&L concerts are free, open to the public and begin at noon. Bring a lunch and eat in Fellowship Hall before the concert. Coffee and tea are provided. After the concert, all are welcome to return downstairs to meet the performers and enjoy delicious home baked goodies.

Many thanks to the faithful L&L team, which this month included :Kurt Bastian, Joan Cohen, Lorna Davis, John and Maria Knight, Frieda Popp, Diane Wood Miller and Susan Russell.

See you on February 6th and March 6th Catch the Spirit ! **Carol**

LUNCH & LISTEN 33rd SEASON all concerts at 12:00 noon

2/6/19—Ariana Barkeshli- *classical piano*

3/6/19—Hyde Park Chamber Ensemble

4/3/19—Marta Elena Knapp- *soprano*

5/1/19—Kevin and Carol Becker with Rich Keyes- *folk music*

6/5/19—Helen Avakian and Terry Champlin- *classic guitar stylings*



Cancellations will be announced through hudsonvalleyclosings.com

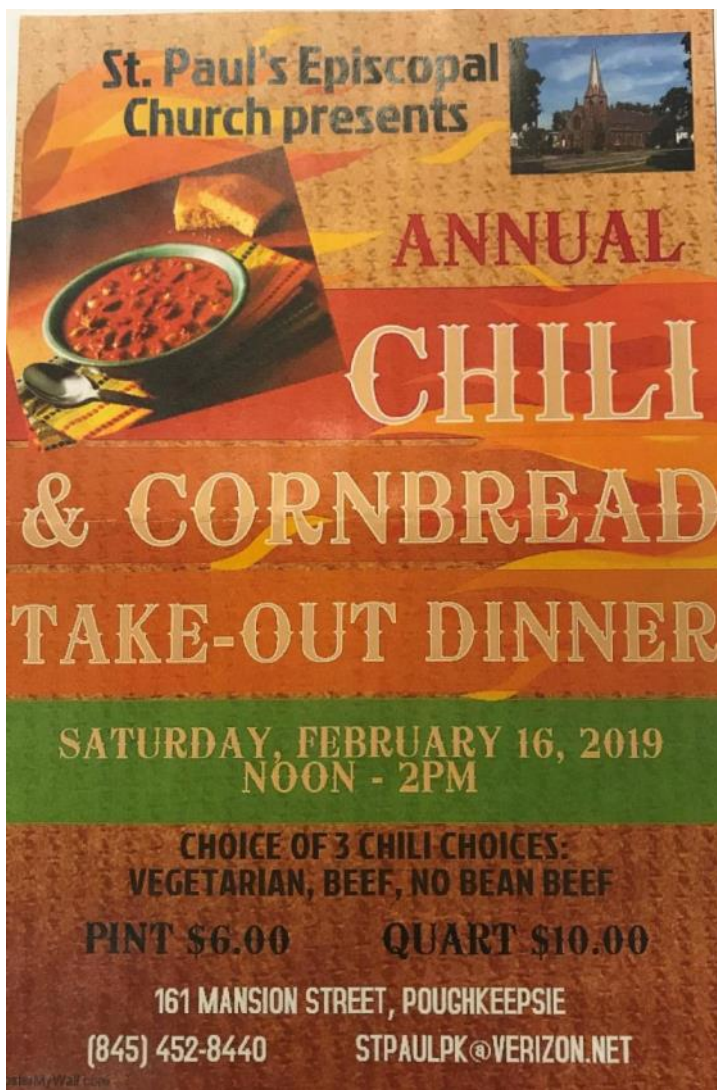
Website: <https://firstlutheranpok.org/lunch-n-listen/>

ORGAN CONCERT Sunday, February 10, 2019 at 3pm

St. John's Lutheran Church 55 Wilbur Blvd. Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Organist Felix Hell will present a concert at St. John's Lutheran Church on the Casavant Organ. A native of Germany, Felix Hell has been featured as a recitalist and solo performer in more than 900 concerts throughout North America, Europe, Asia and Australia. The American Organist raved that he ...”sets standards that older and honored players would struggle to equal.”

The concert is free and open to the public; a free will offering will be taken.



“sPOKe” BIKE RESCUE



Saturday February 9th from 9:30am-12:30pm

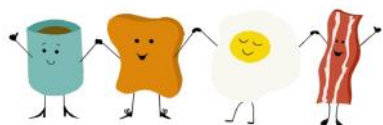
“sPOKe” takes donations of old bikes, makes them rideable, and gets them out to people in the community.

Bikes can be obtained by a monetary donation (~\$50) or 6 hours community service. sPOKe also teaches basic bicycle maintenance and safe riding practices.

Donations of cleaning supplies, bike parts and helmets, and volunteer time are welcome !



FELLOWSHIP THURSDAYS



Fellowship breakfasts are held every other Thursday mornings, 9:00 a.m. at the **Acropolis Diner, 829 Main St., Poughkeepsie**. We will meet for Breakfast on Feb. 14 and 28, weather permitting .

Table Talk/ Pub Night Feb. 7, 2019 at Gino's Pizza, 706 Main St. Poughkeepsie
Feb. 21 at King's Court Brewing Company 40 Cannon St. Poughkeepsie

Beverages and food are available for purchase.

All are welcome to come for fellowship in the tradition of Martin & Katie Luther who loved to have conversation with friends around the table.

Please join us and bring a friend!

Please RSVP by 2pm on Thursday if you plan to attend so we can make reservations, or notify you of last minute cancellations.



February 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Rev. Paul Walley Worship & Communion 10:00am @FELC <i>Service of HC @LCC -2:00pm</i> New Deliverance Church of S&P 12:30-5:30pm	4 FELC Blanket Sewers 10:00am-2:00pm	5 Council Meeting 6:30pm	6 LCC Chapel <i>Service @10:15am</i> L&L Concert- Noon Ariana Barkleshli New Deliverance Church of S&P 7:30-pm -9:30pm	7 "Pub Night" 6:00pm Gino's Pizza	8	9 SPOKe Bike rescue 9:30- 11:30 am
10 Service of the Word Carol Reichert 10:00am @FELC SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY <i>Service of HC @LCC -2:00pm</i> New Deliverance Church of S&P 12:30-5:30pm	11 FELC Blanket Sewers 10:00am-2:00pm	12	13 LCC Chapel <i>Service @10:15am</i> New Deliverance Church of S&P 7:30-pm -9:30pm	14 Breakfast Fellowship @9:00am Acropolis Diner	15	16
17 Service of the Word Deacon Margy Schmitt-Ajer 10:00am @FELC <i>Service of HC @LCC -2:00pm</i> New Deliverance Church of S&P 12:30-5:30pm	18 Presi- dent's Day FELC Blanket Sewers 10:00am-2:00pm	19	20 LCC Chapel <i>Service @10:15am</i> New Deliverance Church of S&P 7:30-pm -9:30pm	21 Pub Night" 6:00pm King's Court Brewery	22	23
24 Pastor Deborah Worship & Communion 10:00am @FELC <i>Service of HC @LCC -2:00pm</i> New Deliverance Church of S&P 12:30-5:30pm	25 FELC Blanket Sewers 10:00am-2:00pm	26	27 LCC Chapel <i>Service @10:15am</i> New Deliverance Church of S&P 7:30-pm -9:30pm	28 Breakfast Fellowship @9:00am Acropolis Diner		

***"Our faith is a living, busy, active, mighty thing."
Martin Luther***

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The next Sunday School lesson for the children of our congregation will be held February 10.

Please bring the children in your life for lesson time with Ms. Shirley, learning and growing in faith with fun !



Calendar At-A-Glance

Sundays

Worship Services @ FELC @ 10:00am
 Worship Services @ Lutheran Care Center @ 2:00pm
 New Deliverance Church from 12:30-5:30pm

Mondays

FELC Blanket Sewers 10:00am-2:00pm *weather permitting*

Tuesday

Congregational Council Meeting 2/05 @ 6:30pm

Wednesdays

Lutheran Care Center -Worship Service 10:15am
 Lunch & Listen: Ariana Barkeshli 2/06 @12:00 noon
 New Deliverance Church @FELC 7:30-9:30pm

Thursdays

Fellowship Breakfasts - Acropolis Diner
 2/14 and 2/28 @ 9:00am
 "Pub Nights" @6:00pm
 2/07 Gino's Pizza 706 Main St.
 2/21 King's Court Brewing Co

Saturday Specials

sPOKe Bike Rescue 2/09 from 9:30am-12:30pm



February Birthdays

03 Nathaniel Nicoll
 11 Marjorie Stoothoff
 12 Alice Newcomb
 17 Asta Linderholm
 22 Ernest Frank
 23 Janett Frank
 Shirley (Hong-Lean) Nicoll
 28 Eberhard Fischer



In SERVICE to GOD and YOU

Altar Carol Reichert

February 2019 Communion Assistant Rosemary Compton

DATE	LECTOR	FLOWERS	REFRESHMENTS
2/03 Rev. Paul Walley	Rosemary Compton	Collins	Collins
2/10 Service of the Word Carol Reichert	Maria Knight	Knight	Please sign up on the clipboard downstairs if you are able to provide refreshments for our weekly Fellowship Hour. Homemade or Store bought treats are most appreciated !
2/17 Service of the Word Deacon Margy Schmitt-Ajer	John Knight		
2/24 Rev. Arlene Wilhelm	Linda Brewer	L. Connors	

SOCIAL ACTION

February
 Donation request for
 St. Paul's Food Pantry
 Canned soup



Thanks again for doing
 God's Work with your
 hands!

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with your request.

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