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# St. Luke's Gazette

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## A Little Bit of History

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William F. (Fletcher) O'Neal



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Please use the **SUGGESTION BOX**, located in the Narthex and the Parish Hall.  
The responses will be discussed by the Vestry / Forums and posted on the  
Parish Hall Bulletin Board "Communication and Technology Board".



# *Spiritually Speaking..*

We are a divided nation.

It's hard to open a newspaper or magazine or check Apple news without seeing an article about the issues dividing us. The BBC posted an article about Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's recent fall under the headline, Why half of America panics when this woman falls ill. Half of America panics – the half, that is, that fears that if Justice Ginsburg retires or becomes too ill to serve while Donald Trump is President, he will appoint a third conservative justice to the court. After Ginsburg's fall, somebody posted on Twitter, #RuthBaderGinsburg DON'T YOU DARE DIE WE NEED YOU!

On the other hand, the evening before the recent elections I heard a reporter interview a staunch Republican. She asked him how he'd feel if the Democrats took control of the House of Representatives. He responded, I wouldn't really care. President Trump got Gorsuch and Kavanaugh on the Supreme Court. That's all I wanted.

We are a divided nation.

In a campaign speech while running for senator in 1858, Abraham Lincoln addressed the issue that was then dividing the United States. Quoting Jesus, Lincoln said "A house divided against itself cannot stand.' I believe this government cannot endure, permanently half slave and half free. I do not expect the Union to be dissolved -- I do not expect the house to fall -- but I do expect it will cease to be divided. It will become all one thing or all the other."

That is what we're afraid of: that the United States will become all one thing but it won't become the one thing we want it to become.

Division creates fear in us: fear of the person and the ideas that define "the other side." Fear for some of where our nation is headed under this administration, fear for others of what they see as radical opposition to the current direction. We look at one another and see flashing red (or blue) danger signs. We perceive the other person as a threat to life as we know it; our neighbors disappear and everywhere we look we see enemies. But the greatest threat to us is not the "other side," it is our fear of the other side. And the Christian faith has a lot to say about fear. As Adolph Hitler was threatening to take control of Germany, pastor (and ultimately martyr) Dietrich Bonhoeffer preached a sermon entitled, "Overcoming Fear," in which he said, The Bible, the gospel, Christ, the church, the faith— all are one great battle cry against fear in the lives of human beings. Fear is, somehow or other, the archenemy itself. It crouches in people's hearts. It hollows out their insides, until their resistance and strength are spent and they suddenly break down. Using the Gospel story of the storm on the Sea of Galilee, Bonhoeffer pointed to the disciples' panic as the waves threaten to capsize the boat: the disciples freeze and drop their oars; all hope is lost; fear is in the boat. But in the midst of the paralyzing panic, the heavens open with a shout of victory over fear: Christ is in the boat! Christ is in the boat! And with that shout the winds die down, the waves subside, and the boat comes to rest on a calm and quiet surface.

As our country becomes more divided and fear crouches in our hearts until our strength is spent, let us remember that Christ is in the boat! Let the power of his presence renew our energy and bring us back to a place of calm. So that when we look at our enemies we see them for what they really are: our neighbors.

Mother Jill+





## BIOGRAPHY OF WILLIAM F. (FLETCHER) O'NEAL



**F**ather William F. O'Neal was born May 15, 1929, in Jenkinsville, South Carolina; the son of Walter Wise and Hattie Lakin O'Neal.

The youngest of eight children he attended Voorhees Normal presently known as Voorhees College in Denmark, South Carolina and completed his college degree at St. Augustine College Raleigh, North Carolina.

Father O'Neal received his theological training at the General Theological Seminary in Brooklyn, New York, which was founded 1871 as the 1<sup>st</sup> seminary of the Episcopal Church.

He was the 1<sup>st</sup> African American to serve as a member of the Diocesan (Bishop's) Council of the South Carolina, where he served as a diocesan examining chaplain.

Father O'Neal first pastorate in 1955 was St. Anna's Episcopal Church at McDuffie and Liberty Hill Ave, Columbia, South Carolina. He became Rector (1958) of St. Luke's Episcopal Church at Pine and Lady Streets Columbia, South Carolina. Father O'Neal was instrumental in the building and completion of the Chapel/ Parish Hall, Rectory (1960), Church (1963) and Community Center (1972).

Father O'Neal shared his selfless life with his adopted son Patrick O'Neal.

Father O'Neal left this life August 19, 1975.

*Romans 3: 5-6*

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.*



# St Luke's Episcopal Church Clergy and Historical Events 1871– to present

1871-1886	The Reverend Benjamin B. Babbitt	
1873	Organized as a mission erected a chapel at the corner of Plain (Hampton) and Marion Streets	
1876	The Reverend A.A. Porter Priest- in- Charge assisted by r. Thaddeus salters the first African American to be ordained by the Diocese of South Carolina	
1886-1889	The Reverend T.B. Clarkson	St. Luke's received Parish Status
1891	The Reverend H.T. Gregory; The Reverend J.B. Mancebo	First vested choir
1908-1913	The Reverend G.E. Howell	
1911	New church built at 912 Hampton Street	
1917-1920	The Reverend C.A. Harrison	
1920-1924	The Reverend C.A. Perry	
1924-1928	The Reverend Thomas D. Brown	
1926	St. Mary's Merged with St. Luke's	
1929-1938	The Reverend Issaac McDonald	
1941-1942	The Reverend Bruce Williamson	
1942-1943	The Reverend William Kidd	
1946-1949	The Reverend Francis Johnson	
1947	Property purchased at Lady and Pine Streets	
1949-1951	The Reverend James B. Brown (dates not verified)	
1951-1952	The Reverend Turner W. Morris	
1952-1954	The Reverend Adolphus Carty	
1954-1957	The Reverend Bruce Williamson	
1958-1975	The Reverend William F. O'Neal	
1959	St. Anna's mergers with St. Luke's	
1962	St. Anne's merges with St. Luke's	
1972	Community Center built	
1963	Easter Sunday First service at Lady and Pine Streets	
1975-1976	The Reverend Bruce Williamson Priest-in- Charge	
1976-1977	The Reverend Edward E. Johnson	
1980-1984	The Reverend Theodore Daniels	
1984-1985	The Reverend Lathrop P. Utley Chaplain US Army Visiting Priest	
1986-1988	The Reverend Howard K. Williams	
1988-1994	The Reverend David Landholt Priest-in-Charge	
1994-2017	The Reverend Calvin r. Griffin	
2004-2014	The Reverend Lathrop P. Utley Retired Chaplain US Army	
1998	Renaming of Community Center to The William F. O'Neal Center	
2017-	The Reverend Jill Zook-Jones Interim Priest	



### A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY

*(This article was in the St. Luke's Times, dated )*

Mrs. Elise F. Jenkins is the oldest member of St. Luke's, both in time and age, having come to Columbia in October 1920 from St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Springfield, Illinois.

For many years, Mrs. Jenkins served as organist for St. Luke's when it was located on Hampton Street in downtown Columbia.

In those days, the organ had to be hand pumped. "The only difficulty I had was with the altar boys who were supposed to pump the organ", Mrs. Jenkins said. "Sometimes, I would have to go out behind the church and break up a ball game in order to get the organ working for one or more hymns. Some of the Roberts, the Nelsons, and the Martins would give me a merry chase.

Mrs. Jenkins became very active in the Women's Auxiliary as the ECW was known in those days. On two occasions, she was a delegate to the national meeting, once in New Orleans and once in Baton Rouge, La. Still an active participant in the St. Luke's family, Mrs. Jenkins is loved and revered by all.

Elise Ford Jenkins





## St. Luke's Episcopal Church

First located on the corner of Lady and Marion streets, St. Luke's Episcopal Church was founded in Columbia in 1883. The congregation, needing more space, moved to Hampton Street in 1911. Parishioners established the current location for their church in 1958. Renowned photographer Richard Samuel Roberts, who recorded the lives of many black Columbians from the 1920s through 1936, was one of its many dedicated members.



*St. Luke's Sunday School Class, circa 1925. Richard Samuel Roberts, photographer. Image courtesy of the Richard Samuel Roberts Collection, South Carolina Library, University of South Carolina, Columbia*

Report from  
*The Finance Standing Committee*

***MOVING FORWARD  
THROUGH FAITH & WORKS***



This year's slogan for the 2019 Every Member Canvass is "Moving Forward through Faith and Works". In the Book of James, Chapter 2, James speaks of the equal importance of faith and works in serving the wishes of our Lord. Our faith is incomplete if there are no works. This slogan demonstrates how we are following our faith through prayer and moving forward in supporting our missions, in calling a priest, and in serving others.

Sunday, November 18, 2018, we had our Ingathering and Blessing of the Pledges. This is significant in that all that we do or pursue should be with blessings and prayers.

The 2019 Statement of Mission was approved by the Vestry. Our Pledge and Non-pledge Income goals are \$212,850 and \$29,888 respectively. Our budget includes the calling of a **three-quarter (3/4) time** rector as well as our ministries, salaries, church maintenance and repairs. To call a priest, we must be committed in our actions so that we can maintain our church and our ministries.

As of Sunday, November 18, 2018, forty-seven (47) members pledged \$156,493. That leaves a balance of \$56,357 towards our pledge goal. Our Finance Committee will be contacting individuals, who have not returned their pledge cards.

Between our Lord and your hearts, it is our hope that those of you, who do not pledge, will establish a commitment and give it regularly.

The Finance Committee will provide a final report of giving in our church bulletin in December 2018.

Thank you for your participation in our 2019 Every Member Canvass.

**Patricia J Cokley, Treasurer**



For more information on making a gift to the St. Luke's Episcopal Church Endowment Fund, please contact St. Luke's office — 803-254-2327 or email [stlukes1300@yahoo.com](mailto:stlukes1300@yahoo.com) (Endowment Fund Committee). All communication is confidential.

*St. Luke's strongly urges you to consult with your attorney, tax advisor, and/or financial planner; and review the Church's Endowment Fund information which will be provided to you without charge or obligation.*

*St. Luke's does not provide any information in any way that constitutes financial or legal advice.*



And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17

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#### St. Luke's Episcopal Church Endowment Fund



As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." 1Peter 4:10

St. Luke's Episcopal Church has established an endowment fund to provide a reliable source of income to the parish for generations to come.

The fund will be managed in perpetuity as a true endowment, meaning the principal will not be touched.



Contributions will be invested as received. Income earned - interest and/or dividends - on the investments will be used in the following ways:

- For outreach ministries
- For new ministries
- For special projects
- For capital needs of the parish

Gifts to the endowment enable the church to address future needs as they arise without restrictions. Details on the investment policies and guidelines and performance of the endowment funds are available through the church office.

#### Making a Gift to the Endowment Fund

Gifts to the endowment are welcomed and can be made in a number of ways.



You can make a gift to the St. Luke's Endowment Fund by:

- A Direct Gift of Cash
- A Bequest in a Will
- Life Income Gifts
- Retirement Accounts
- Life Insurance

## Offering a Fresh Start

Posted On January 5, 2018

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The discovery of a long-buried treasure provides ongoing blessings for many in the community.

By Warren McInnes Hughes    Photos by Jay Browne



Long before being ordained, the Rev. Deacon Dianna Deaderick followed the Biblical mandate from Micah 6 to do justice and to love mercy. An Episcopal deacon in Columbia, the Michigan native grew up in Appalachia after her family moved to Tennessee. There, teaching in one of the nation's poorest counties, the Berea College graduate witnessed great poverty where many lacked basic necessities.

Back then, Deaderick supplied warm clothes for children in cold weather; these days, she provides fresh laundry and clean showers for the homeless.

"I secretly provided socks and gloves for the students during the winter,"

she recalled. "All the children were on free or reduced lunch and the average income per family was \$2,000 a year made from tobacco crops. Many students had parents who could not read themselves and lived in homes without running water."

Later, after moving to Lexington, S.C., when her husband, Doug, was transferred, her career in education flourished as a middle school teacher in Lexington School District One. Yet, as a devoted member of St. Alban's Episcopal Church, she found herself increasingly drawn to a life in the ministry to serve the needy.

Under St. Alban's sponsorship, Deaderick began the Episcopal Church's School for Ministry and became a deacon in the Episcopal Church. Ordained in 2011, she was placed at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Columbia's Historic Waverly district. Deaderick was recently named chair for programs for the National Episcopal AIDS Coalition.

With a large homeless population within sight of the church, Deaderick knew that for many a fresh start in life can be as simple as having clean clothes, a warm shower and a friendly greeting.

That does not seem much to ask, but as the downtown Columbia parish discovered, there are scores of people who need just that, and not all of them are homeless. Many of them spend most of their meager earnings on basics like a boarding house room without even a hotplate.

Thanks to Deaderick's inspiration and St. Luke's support, hundreds are now lining up each week to get their laundry done by volunteers, while they are given the opportunity to take a shower and enjoy some warm fellowship.

The aptly named "Fresh Start" ministry takes place each week on Thursday and on two weekends a month. The church program is literally following the mandate from the New Testament's Gospel according to Matthew to feed the hungry, clothe the needy and shelter the homeless, Deaderick says. Since opening in October 2016, more than 600 people have been served, averaging up to 80 people a day.

"I feel called to servant ministry," Deaderick says. "I look to see God in all people. I also realize since starting this ministry that many families are only one paycheck away from homelessness."

At the outset, although the vision was there, hurdles had to be overcome before the doors could be opened, requiring somewhat of a modern-day miracle to secure the necessary funds. The church gym, where Fresh Start would be located, had fallen into disrepair and renovations were required for laundry facilities, shower rooms and other services.

Then Providence smiled. In reading the history of the church, Deaderick learned that a fund existed that seemed to have St. Luke's name on it. When a former parish disbanded and later merged with St. Luke's, one of its endowment funds was transferred, in accordance with policy, to the Upper Diocese, where it continued to grow in value with accrued interest. Seek and you shall find. On inquiry, the Upper Diocese decided that because of the former congregation's relationship with St. Luke's, the available funds should indeed be granted to the church.

## Offering a Fresh Start (Con't)

These days, Deaderick is always there wearing her clerical collar, along with her husband, Doug, who wears a "Laundry as Liturgy" shirt given to him by Dianna. He's a dedicated partner in the program as well as in marriage.

Along with meeting basic needs, the ministry provides a food pantry, health screenings, HIV/AIDS testing and other services. Since so many are homeless or nearly so, efforts are under way to secure affordable housing for as many as possible.

Speaking about the program, The Rt. Rev. W. Andrew Waldo, Bishop, The Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina, said, "Seeing St. Luke's reach out to tend their neighbors in the surrounding community fills me with joy. The people of this congregation are truly following the gospel through our shared diocesan mission of Making, Equipping and Sending Mature Disciples of Christ."

The Rev. Jill Zook-Jones, interim rector at St. Luke's, says, "Dianna is one of those rare persons who listen when God speaks. In Dianna, God found a woman of amazing compassion, boundless energy and an urgency to respond to the needs of those who are often forgotten. So, when God spoke to Dianna about beginning Fresh Start, she did more than listen - she acted."

Zook-Jones and Deaderick are gratified that more clients are coming to Fresh Start each month. "More organizations are seeking to partner with us to expand our common reach into the homeless and working poor community," Zook-Jones says. "In response, we formed the Fresh Start Board of Directors. The Board exists to lighten Dianna's administrative load and provide a solid foundation for continued expansion and fundraising. We are open to taking this ministry as far as God wants it to go."

Fresh Start has received welcome contributions though a gift from South State Bank in honor of its board member, Columbia attorney Luther Battiste; Trinity Cathedral; The Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina; the Dubois family; and corporate, foundation, individual and other support. Midlands Technical College plays an important role by sending student interns to serve as volunteers.

"I truly believe Fresh Start changes lives. It changes the clients' lives and it changes the lives of the volunteers. We laugh together; we cry together; we pray together. You can't get much better than that," Deaderick says.

With some basic needs now being addressed, Deaderick has her eye on future goals. "We have clients who live in boarding houses that need crockpots so they can prepare simple meals from the food we give them. We always need beds for those we assist in finding housing. I would estimate that 70 percent of our clients would be classified as working poor and the remaining 30 percent are homeless," she notes.

"I believe the next step would be to acquire a house near St. Luke's for people on a limited income. Affordable housing is such a desperate need. I would love eventually to have several small houses. With volunteers, we could refurnish them and establish a community that could support each other. I can see tutoring for their children, job skills training for the adults, parenting classes, the possibilities are endless," she says.

As for now, she and Doug reflect on the satisfactions each day brings. On one memorable occasion, a fresh suit of clothes boosted the morale of an ultimately successful job seeker. The HIV testing program has been able to get clients the care they need; victims of domestic violence have been rescued; vital dental care has been provided; and affordable housing has been acquired for others.

"This ministry has brought us joy of the deepest kind," she says. "I find joy filling the soap dispensers in the showers each week because I know that I have helped in allowing someone to feel refreshed. I find joy dancing with wheelchair-bound William and looking at the toothless smile on his face. I find joy when I get a client into care who has been diagnosed as HIV-positive. I find joy when I'm told by Solomon that I'm the first white person he has ever trusted and I'll always be his girl. I find joy when I hear 'I love you, Miss Dianna,' as I pull into the St. Luke's parking lot."



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