# The Font



Fostering connections within the Order of Saint Luke November/December 2009

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The 2009 Retreat of the Order of Saint Luke just concluded. We were privileged to witness 14 first public professions to the Order: Heather Murray Elkins, Mary O Benedict, Joseph P. Matthews, Elizabeth B. Curtis, Dora Janeway Odorenko, Karen McCorkle Garrett, Paula K. Archdeacon, Ruben Esponda, McWilliam Colon, Karin Tunnell, J. David Roberts, Irving Cotto, Richard Miller, Emilio Muller. Two of our sisters made life vows: Srs. Shirley Mitchell and Marcelle Dotson. Dr. Heather Murray Elkins, Professor of Worship, Preaching and the Arts at Drew University's theological school, served as our retreat leader and explored sacramental life through



the lens of the fabric of our lives. The book she invited us to read prior to the retreat was Leonardo Boff's *Sacraments of Life, Life of the Sacraments*. Seventy five attended the retreat. We were blessed with to have a number of Latino brothers, and a growing number of younger members among us this year.

I urge each of you to complete the reaffirmation forms and send them to the Chancellor. To make this more than a paper transaction, I encourage that prior to signing the form you do some reflection on how you have kept the Rule of Life and Service over the past year and how you intend to live the Rule in the year ahead, preferably with another member of the Order.

Perhaps one of the ways we best connect with the Order and its "spirit" is to remember our progenitors led by Romey P. Marshall in New York City in 1946 and their concern for the church that had had a meandering evolution:

- from a frontier movement of small gatherings in the cane breaks, served by circuit riding elders and preachers,
- to camp meetings and station churches in the towns and rising cities of America in the 19<sup>th</sup> century,
- through the dog fights of liberalism and fundamentalism of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century,
- to what in the 1940s was a church that was adrift in the assumptions of modernism, skeptical of the sacraments, and liturgically ignorant, while building churches with Gothic architecture and divided chancels on the assumption that the aesthetic of medieval European worship spaces would do them proud in upwardly mobile neighborhoods.

In short, the Order came into being after World War II faced with the shifting ground of a broken Christendom and a devastated world. Together, we continue their vision in our own time. We seek to embody, enact, and evoke in the church a living liturgical literacy in the power of the Spirit. Or, to use a phrase offered by Dr. Heather Murray Elkins, we wrestle with the question: How do you do liturgy when the ground is shifting?

In the Mystery of baptismal grace,

Br. Abbot Daniel+

From Br. Dwight Vogel Canon of the Order of Saint Luke Dwight.Vogel@garrett.edu.

# Br. Dan's "Marks of a Lukan Apostolic Spirituality"

- an excerpt from the homily at the opening service of the OSL retreat, Pittsburg, PA, October 12, 2009 by Br. Dwight Vogel, OSL



The first mark, he taught us, is *the centrality of the Holy Spirit* All the way through Luke's writings, the Holy Spirit is brooding, luring, inviting, guiding, directing. A Lukan liturgy will celebrate the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

The second component is *a trust in the power and name of Jesus*, the crucified one who is also Lord and Messiah, who suffers with us and heals us. A Lukan liturgy will gather in the name of Jesus, hearing his living word to us and being formed into his body, incarnating God's love and care for the world.

The third mark of this Lukan spirituality is that we are *bound in a prayerful eucharistic community*, sharing joyfully, and meeting needs, bound together with radical accountability. So in our Lukan liturgy we are both fed and prepare to feed others as we practice radical hospitality and prepare to minister in Christ's name.

Fourth is a *commitment to the marginalized*. The focus of the story of the rich man and Lazarus in Luke 16:19-31 is not on what the rich man can do for Lazarus but what Lazarus could have done for him. To ignore Luke's commitment to the marginalized is serious business, for the message seems to be that, that in the absence of relationship with the Lazarus's who are outside our gate rather than seated at our table, not a drop of the baptismal water can touch our parched and thirsty tongues, not because God's grace is insufficient but because we have placed ourselves on the other side of a great abyss.

The fifth mark of a Lukan apostolic spirituality identified by Br. Daniel is participation in *itinerant proclamation for conversion and discipleship*. A Lukan liturgy will call us to continual transformation through life-long catechesis and mystagogy, both learning to echo the gospel message in word and deed, and discovering the meaning implicit in the mysteries we celebrate together.

Br. Abbot, we are still living into those marks of Lukan spirituality, and we have a long way yet to go, but I am aware of how much we are already guided by that vision and how explicitly they are reflected in this Lukan liturgy of Word and Table.

Note: This Lukan Liturgy of Word and Table is a work in progress authored by some of your brothers and sisters in the Order and awaiting your evaluation and further contributions.



Contact Br. Dwight Vogel with your comments (if you have experienced the liturgy) or for a copy of the liturgy in draft form: Dwight.Vogel@garrett.edu.

A "Transitus" service for use with a brother or sister in the Order who is dying, or as a memorial rite, a rite of corporate reconciliation, and a service for the investiture of new officers are also available for your use and evaluation at the same e-mail address.

# **From the Chancellor's Desk....** Brother W. Brent Sturm, O.S.L.

Our annual reaffirmation process is well underway! Each of you should have received an Affirmation Form from my office in September. Return of the form to my office is request by The Fest of Saint Luke (October 18<sup>th</sup>) each year, but the forms are accepted and processed at any time. However, to avoid being placed in Leave of Absence, I must receive your form by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Continuation of membership is, by our Constitution, dependent upon receipt of



your form in my office each year. If you haven't yet mailed in your annual reaffirmation, please do so right away. You can also FAX the form to 304/536-8021 or scan it and e-mail it to <u>brent.sturm@gmail.com</u>.

While a financial gift makes the ministries and operation of The Order possible, a gift is not required to continue membership. I've noted many times that there was a time when I was not able to support The Order financially. The support of others made my membership possible. Now I can make a financial gift, and my gift helps support others. On whichever side of that you now find yourself, please do not let the financial support piece determine your continued membership in our Order.

(Those under Life Vows received an information update form. Return of this form is not required, but it does insure that your directory information is up to date and that you receive your periodicals in a timely fashion. And, it's a great time to provide a financial gift to The Order, if you are able to do so.)

This is also a great time of year to reflect on your own accountability to our Rule of Life and Service. Our Abbot has requested that each of us try and discuss our accountability to The Rule and the ways which we live out the Sacramental Life with another member of The Order this fall. We don't track this data, and it is not recorded on the Affirmation Form, but it is an opportunity for spiritual growth.

Those who were at our annual Retreat in Pittsburgh last month were able to purchase our latest Baubles and Beads item at a great savings. Actually, they bought them all! An Order of Saint Luke coffee mug was manufactured with the Winged Ox on one side and "The Order of Saint Luke" on the other. By special arrangement with the manufacturer, these were available at retreat at 50% off the usual price of \$12 – what a deal! I am trying to get more made at the sale price, but that may not be possible. I do not plan to have more made at the regular price, unless I receive a great deal of interest. If you'd be interested in a coffee mug at the \$12 price, let me

know. If there is enough interest, I'll have them made. Next up, I'm hoping to have baseball caps for next fall's retreat.

Our continuing Baubles and Beads line continues to be available. Lapel pins (\$6.25), window decals (\$3), full color vestment patches (\$4), a few tie tacks (\$7.50), and a very limited supply of cuff links (\$12) are available. Both the golf shirts (\$17) and the Winged Ox T-shirts (\$20) are available in limited sizes. Celtic Crosses in both pewter (\$25) and sterling silver pale (\$40) will be back in stock soon for your Christmas giving. Don Drumm's beautiful Winged Ox Crosses (\$35) and Medallions (\$17.50) can be available by Christmas if you order VERY soon.

I have one set, and one set only of "The Sacramental Life O'Donnell Retrospective" available. This is one copy of every issue of *Sacramental Life* edited by former Abbot Michael O'Donnell. The bargain price is only \$200 post paid and it goes to the first buyer. Again, only one of these sets left. I have a few sets of Volume 1 of *Sacramental Life* left for only \$10 post paid; even fewer of Volumes 2 through 5. Again, first come, first served. When these are gone, they're gone forever!

Past issues of most issues of Doxology are available for \$10 post paid. Some are already sold out, and others in very limited supply. If you need to complete your set, now is the time! Give me a call at the office on my private line (304/536-8023) to see what's available. I'm always looking for new items for our Baubles and Beads line – let me know what you'd like to see with the OSL logo on it, and I'll shop around!

## From the Prior General's Office Sr. Sue Moore, OSL esmoore@alum.mit.edu



It is not too soon to mark your calendar for next year's Retreat! For a variety of reasons, we will be going one more year to **Saint Paul of the Cross** in Pittsburgh, **Monday, Oct. 25 through Thursday, Oct. 28.** (Then, my friends, we will be heading west, I promise. I have faithful members from Texas and California helping me find the next sites.)

I am delighted to announce that Dr. Ruth Duck will be our retreat leader. One way to describe Dr. Duck is to tell you of her academic credentials. Ruth Duck is professor of worship at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. She holds two masters degrees--one from Chicago Theological Seminary and one from the University of Notre Dame. Her doctorate in theology was earned at Boston University.

That description, while true, falls short of describing Dr. Duck's gifts to the Church. Many of us are familiar with her prayers, published in books such as "Flames of the Spirit" and "Bread for the Journey". Her hymns are published widely. (You can read her own comments on her hymns at <u>www.ruthduckhymnist.net</u>)

Her new book, "Circles of Care: Hymns and Songs" addresses the theme of healing and reconciliation which will be her topic at our retreat. Plan now to be with us in October!

# 2010 Order of Saint Luke Retreat Reconciliation and Healing Dr. Ruth Duck, leading October 25-28, 2010 Saint Paul of the Cross, Pittsburgh PA

Note to all who attend the Council of the General Chapter: The May 2010 meeting will also be held at Saint Paul of the Cross May 18-20, 2010.

From the Provincial General Br. George R. Crisp, O.S.L, revgrc@yahoo.com

Our annual Retreat and General Council meeting were wonderful events! What a great time of warm fellowship, learning and worship. It is the fullest and best expression of what it means to be a part of the Order of Saint Luke. In each of your local chapter settings, I know you strive to lift up these same qualities as you gather and pray together.



The following information was the bulk of my Provincial General's Report: We have 18 active chapters, four inactive, eight seminary chapters, and the status of the Puerto Rico Chapter is unknown as no report was received from them. A written report, to be posted on the OSL website, provides the details on each chapter's report.

The Council voted to charter the New Jersey-Pennsylvania Latino Chapter, a group that has been in formation for more than a year. The charter was presented to Br. Irving Cotto with the applause of the Chapter. There is also Castilian (Spanish speaking) chapter in California. Br. Reuben Esponda reported that they are working to form a chapter in the Cal-Pac Conference. Br. Reuben brought five affirmations, and there are 11 more new members coming.

The Abbot has appointed Br. Jack Hoffmockel to serve as Provincial Companion for Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Arkansas. Br. Jason Constantine has asked to be relieved of his duties as the North Carolina Provincial Companion. There are seven areas where there are local area contacts. These are areas where we know that there are people who are interested in representing the Order. These are handy contacts for new folk where there are no chapters.

Several groups are in various stages of formation. Br. Terry Sager is working to create an Arkansas Chapter and Br. Christian Wilson is working to re-establish the Sarum Chapter in North Carolina. Work is also being done to assess interest in forming a chapter at the Brentwood UMC in the Nashville area.

Three chapters have been discontinued. The southern Illinois chapter had been an un-chartered group, and they have stopped working toward an official charter. The Boston and Louisiana chapters have not met in two or more years and the Council voted, with regret, to discontinue these groups.

Because we have chapters and associations of the Order that are in decline, and rather than simply discontinuing inactive chapters, the following process for chapter transitions was approved:

- a. Reorganizing When one of the semi-annual chapter reports indicates a chapter is in declining, that chapter will be listed as "reorganizing" for one report cycle;
- b. Suspended If there are no successful efforts to re-energize or regroup the chapter, it will be listed as "suspended" for one year;
- c. Discontinue Should the chapter remain inactive after one year, the Council will take a vote on the discontinuance of the chapter.
- d. Reinstatement When a chapter reactivates, its members can petition the Council for reinstatement per our Constitution.

Based on the reports received this fall from chapters and associations, the following chapter news is presented (in our usual pattern of rotation). The latest update on your chapter is always welcome through direct submissions to The Font.

The Drew Theological Seminary and Holy Cross chapters have been suspended due to lack of activity this year and efforts to have members meet have not been successful. In addition, the Middle Tennessee Association has not been meeting.

Meeting five times in the last year, the Northern New England Chapter has met been working their way through the Rule of Life and Service, with particular focus on specific ways to live it out in their daily lives and work. Br. Stan "Matthias" Tanner reports: "We believe that we have come to the point of decision, and that we wish to be known from now on as the Barnabas Chapter." The chapter officers are: Stanley "Matthias" Tanner, Prior; Thomas Blackstone, Sub-Prior; Ami Sawtelle, Chancellor.

The Saura-Piedmont Chapter meets on the second Wednesday of the month at Myers Park UMC. Primary activities include fellowship, discussions and the celebration of the Eucharist. Our officers include: William R. Doser, Prior; Stephen Ball, Sub-Prior; Ted Hoffmann, Chaplain and Treasurer; Curtis Goforth, Secretary (Sr. Mabel Doser is filling in temporarily).

No written report was received from the Trinity Chapter (in North Texas), but Br. John Taylor reported verbally that the chapter is active and meeting regularly. Several chapter members were present at the Retreat.

Perpetual Reminder: If your chapter or association elects new officers, if the contact person for your group changes, or if you <u>move to a new assignment</u> or <u>change your Internet service</u> <u>provider</u> (AOL, MSN, Gmail, Yahoo, etc.), please be sure to provide the Provincial General with updated contact information.

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## Northern Illinois Chapter News:

Prior David A. Eichelberger, O.S.L.

Brothers and Sisters: you are invited to a chapter meeting Nov. 17 at 9 a.m. at the Genoa Faith UMC, which is at 325 S. Stott St., Genoa, IL 60135-1261 just north of Sycamore/DeKalb, IL along Rte. 23 which connects with I-90 at Huntley and via DeKalb I-88 exits. Br. Daniel Diss will be hosting. We will discuss important new developments in chapter matters, the recent national retreat and share in Holy Communion with profession for those who are interested. Those who can are also invited stay afterwards to join in a dutch treat lunch at a local restaurant.

Contact Br. Daniel at the Genoa: Faith Church at <u>genoafaithumc@verizon.net</u> if you are planning to attend, since he needs a count for the refreshments when we arrive.



*From the Officer for Pastoral Care Bro. Tom Beveridge, OSL* tandaosl@yahoo.com Sisters and Brothers:

And are we yet alive, and see each others' face? Glory and thanks to Jesus give for his almighty grace!

Being fresh back from last week's retreat in Pittsburgh, those opening words from Charles Wesley's hymn certainly are resonating in my soul right now!

Dispersed as we are, there really is a special grace whenever we are permitted to see each others' faces, talk with one another, sing and pray together, break bread together – and so much more. Of course, as I write that, I'm aware that not all of us are able to come together in this way. Factors of time, distance, expense and health and advancing age are very real and an impediment for some who would dearly love to gather with us for these retreats.

That said, it must be added that there were also ways in which we stayed connected last week across the miles last week. Br. Abbott Daniel, ever the good pastor, made sure that we particularly remembered our international members. Each time we gathered for prayer, your names were read aloud – brothers and sisters in Hong Kong, Singapore, the Philippines, the UK, Canada, and many other places around the globe. There was something very, very special about that! In addition, those of you unwillingly detained for whatever reasons were very present to us as we held you in intercessory prayer. And it meant a lot to us to know that, thanks to technologies now available, many of you were able to join us from distant places during our times of gathered prayer and worship.

We are a sacramental community, which makes us a pastoral community. That is a goodness that cannot be understated. In the spirit of our patron Saint Luke the evangelist and physician, it is always a healing grace.

As always, some news of our community follows. Do be in touch with me when you have news you wish to share or if you desire pastoral contact with me. This is particularly important if you do not participate in the Cyber Chapter, as that is a major, but incomplete, source for news. Write me at tandaosl@yahoo.com or PO Box 891, Bloomfield, CT 06002-0891. Or call me at (860) 243-3388. For the sake of accuracy and to protect confidentiality, I make every possible effort to check all items ahead of time with the brother or sister concerned.

Peace, Br. Tom Beveridge, Pastoral Care Officer News: **Br. Mark Babb** underwent surgery in September for a badly torn rotator cuff and to remove a large bone spur. This was a very painful procedure and will involve a long recovery with lots of therapy. Prayers, please, for pain reduction and healing, and for Sr. Sue Babb in her role of loving caregiver. <u>musicmin2@comcast.net</u> <u>Sibabb@sbcglobal.net</u>

**Br. Gary Dillensnyder** underwent spinal surgery in September and asks our prayers for his recovery. <u>glakedylan@yahoo.com</u>

**Br. Lewis Worthington's** wife *Mary* underwent surgery recently for removal of pins that were inserted following an accident in last year. Br. Lewis writes: "She has been released by her doctors for full activity and a return to work fulltime. She's made a fuller recovery than anyone expected and enjoys predicting the north Texas weather using her newly improved left side of the body!" lewisworthington@gmail.com

**Br. Manny Sardinas'** wife *Elizabeth* and daughter *Ana* were injured in an auto accident in September. They are recovering from injuries which, thankfully, were not serious. Also, Br. Manny has undergone carpal tunnel surgery recently. Please keep him and his family in your prayers. <u>mrsardinas@gmail.com</u>

**Sr. Inga Freyer-Nicholas** was hospitalized in September, her fourth hospitalization this year. Please continue to uphold her and her husband **Br. Ron Freyer-Nicholas** in your prayers. <u>ron@freyer-nicholas.net</u> inga@freyer-nicholas.net

Prayers, please, for **Br. David Jamieson**, his wife *Betty*, and all their family, following the tragic death of their son *Bruce*, in October, by his own hand. Their daughter *Sarah* flew to Australia, where Bruce lived, for the funeral there. Br. David, Betty, and their son *Kirk*, gathered for a memorial service in Claremont, CA, joined by their many friends, including a number of our OSL family. <u>db.jamie@verizon.net</u>

**Sr. Virginia Ford** wrote recently that tests show she will be permanently faced with great limitations, including difficulty swallowing, following upon her surgery last year. In spite of all that, she goes on, "I'm OK with this and am coping with it. I'll concentrate on doing what I still can do and see what happens next. I could be in lots worse shape than this ... I am grateful for all of your prayers. I am confident that God has plans for me.... I just haven't discovered them yet." virginiaaf@aol.com

**Br. Edwin Pun** and his wife *Carmel* have shared the good news that their baby daughter *Ruth Elizabeth Guillergan Pun*, born August 6, 2009, was baptized on 27 September and dedicated to be an instrument for God's purposes. Please join this family in thanksgiving at this time. <u>edwinp@netvigator.com</u>

*It's a boy*!!! **Br. Bill** and *Cile* **Beasley** are *Great Grandparents*! *Braylin Edward Fuller* was born to their grand-daughter *Danielle Fuller* on October 24, 2009. 7 lbs - 5 oz. 19 inches. Br. Bill writes, "Beautiful child [naturally] - we've both held him - happy and contented. Mom doing very well! Deo gratias !" <u>flojoe52@aol.com</u>

#### This just in from Br. Brent:

I've just been in e-mail contact with **Br. Ron Feeser**. Some of you know that Br. Ron is a military chaplain. When I saw his Affirmation Form had an address change to an "APO" address, I was afraid that he was headed into harm's way. Well, Family Feeser is on the move, but they are all going together! Br. Ron writes, "The family and I are moving to Incirlik AB in Turkey for two years. Looks to be a sweet assignment and we are excited." Please keep Br. Ron and his family in your prayers as they move and as they get acquainted with a new culture. Greetings will reach Br. Ron at <u>chaplainfeeser@yahoo.com</u>

<u>And, speaking of families</u>: **Br. Bart Fletcher**, his wife *Claudia*, and their beautiful family are featured (complete with picture) in a Minnesota Annual Conference Communications article that was picked up by

United Methodist News Service. Read it and enjoy! <u>http://www.umc.org/site/apps/nlnet/content3.aspx?c=lwL4KnN1LtH&b=2072519&ct=7601237</u> <u>BAFletcher@aol.com</u>

**Br. David Durham** sent regrets re. the October retreat, and pledged his prayers for those who gathered in Pittsburgh. He wrote, "We would very much have enjoyed being at the Retreat in October – except that are out on mission in the world! Two of the past six years we have been under appointment in the British Methodist Church - up near Newcastle upon Tyne. Thrilling service for us, and we hope, for our people there. Now, this fall we have been invited back for ten weeks of preaching in that same District of Newcastle...except without any administrative responsibilities! We are very excited to continue in service to the Lord, even at the age of 78." Dedur@aol.com

**Br. David Weller's** poetry can be seen on his blog at <a href="http://faithhopeandlovechristianpoems.blogspot.com/">http://faithhopeandlovechristianpoems.blogspot.com/</a> <a href="mailto:poetspirit@gmail.com">poetspirit@gmail.com</a>

**Br. Matthias**, heretofore known to us as Br. Stanley Tanner, has recently assumed a new name of his own choosing. At Pittsburgh, he shared with us that the story of Matthias, who appears only in the first chapter of Acts, closely resembles the story of his own journey in faith and ministry. He requested that we honor his request to be addressed by his new name, and this was offered up in prayer within the gathered community by Br. Abbott Dan. <u>br.matthias@gmail.com</u>

**Br. Mark Stamm's** book, *Let Every Soul be Jesus' Guest*, has been reviewed in the Wesleyan Theological Journal. <u>mwstamm@att.net</u>

When we gathered in Pittsburgh, Br. Abbott Daniel opened by inviting us to share our news of life and ministry. Following (greatly condensed) are among the things shared at that time: **Br. Dwight** and *Linda* **Vogel** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary this past summer. <u>dwight.vogel@garrett.edu</u>

Br. Tom Scovel is a candidate to become a Licensed Local Pastor. tomscovel@sbcglobal.net

Br. Gary Smith is serving two small, rural churches. garysmith46@gmail.com

Br. Ted Hoffmann celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 3, 2009. tedshoff@mi-connection.com

**Sr. Cynthia Astle** is a Certified Lay Speaker. She has a passion for lay ministry as a teacher, lay theologian and writer. She asks your continued prayers as she deals with the loss of her sight in one eye. <u>cbastle@as-tex.net</u>

**Br. Ken Linnell** is a candidate for holy orders in the Charismatic Episcopal Church. He has a biking (motorcycling) ministry. <u>tcmaccool@windstream.net</u> or <u>tcmaccool@windstream.net</u>

**Br. Steve McGucken** traveled to Paris with his daughter this past summer, visiting lots of museums. <u>OSLGuck@aol.com</u>

**Br. Mark Parsons** has been newly appointed to the Lubeck UMC in Wasahington, WV. He asks prayers for his wife *Tara* and her family in the recent death of her youngest aunt, *Anna*, age 42. marked4god@gmail.com

After a lengthy illness, **Br. Taylor Burton-Edwards** is now free of chest pain. <u>burtonedwards@yahoo.com</u> **Br. Richard Santella** recently turned 70. He and his wife *Doris* both underwent surgery this summer. <u>rsantella@aol.com</u>

**Br. Bob Jarboe** is now a full-time spiritual counselor for a hospice program. He really loves what he's doing. jarbear1974@yahoo.com

**Br. Bob Davis** has a new grandbaby. And he is playing the trumpet again, after 56 years. <u>pilgrimbobdavis@gmail.com</u>

**Br. Jack Fahey** is nearing retirement, and is enjoying his five grandchildren. <u>JamesLynbrook@aol.com</u> **Br. Greg Hayes'** son *Eric* is awaiting results from taking the Virginia Bar exam. <u>ghayestcb@suddenlink.net</u>

**Br. George Crisp** is enjoying his new appointment as pastor of the Sierra Madre UMC, in California. <a href="mailto:revgrc@yahoo.com">revgrc@yahoo.com</a>

After so many challenges in life, **Br. Brent Sturm's** son *Stephen* is now working in unsupported employment. Br. Brent is very involved with Jobs For West Virginia's Graduates, a mentoring program. brent.sturm@gamil.com

After undergoing cardiac bypass surgery almost a year ago, **Sr. Sue Moore's** health has rebounded. She traveled quite a lot this summer, to Wales, and to Israel where she participated in an archaeological dig. <u>esmoore@alum.mit.edu</u>

**Br. Dan** and **Sr. Mary O Benedict** are on their way to England to see their daughter and her family. <u>stlukebysea@yahoo.com</u>

Correction: **Sr. Mabel Doser's** 80th birthday was July 28, 2009 - not 2010, as stated in our last issue of the News. Apologies for the error – unless she'd rather accept it as the gift of a bonus year. (Ed.) wrdoser@aol.com

## A Very Special Deal from OSL Publications

For a very limited time, OSL Publications is offering a special cost reduction on four of our popular titles. During the month of November only, you can get one copy each of *Worship and Spirituality* by Don Saliers, *In Spirit and Truth: United Methodist Worship for the Emerging Church* by L. Edward Phillips and Sara Webb Phillips, *Two Ways of Praying* by Paul F. Bradshaw, and *The Banquet's Wisdom* by Gary Macy for only \$25 post paid direct from OSL Publications. This is an \$81.18 value! A great Christmas gift for your Bishop, Superintendent, colleagues, or even yourself – this is an opportunity not to be missed.

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Please note the following:

- All Sundays, Solemnities and Feasts are in **bold** type and followed by the proper liturgical color for the day or part of the day.
- Commemorations are noted but the seasonal color is kept. Those who wish to solemnize a particular commemoration should use Red for martyrs and Holy Cross Day and White for all others.

#### DECEMBER

- T 1 Nicholas Ferrar B/P
- W 2 B/P
- T 3 B/P
- F4 B/P
- S 5 Clement of Alexandria B/P

#### S 6 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent B/P

- M 7 Ambrose of Milan B/P
- T 8 B/P
- W 9 B/P
- T 10 B/P
- F 11 B/P
- S 12 B/P

# S 13 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent B/P

- M 14 John of the Cross B/P
- T 15 B/P
- W 16 B/P
- T 17 John Stewart B/P
- F 18 Thelma Stevens B/P
- S 19 William Wesley Van Orsdel B/P (Brother Van)
- S 20 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent B/P
- M 21 Thomas R
- T 22 B/P
- W 23 B/P
- T 24 B/P
  - Christmas Eve W
- F 25 Christmas Day W
- S 26 Stephen R
- S 27 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas W
- M 28 JohnW (Transferred)
- T 29 The Holy Innocents R
- (Transferred) W 30 W
- T 31 W
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