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From our Vicar Fostering Unity, Constancy, and Peace

Our diocesan bishop, the Rt. Rev. Michael B. Curry, will be at St. Bartholomew's on Sunday, December 19 this year. He will be our preacher and our celebrant at the Eucharist. He will also baptize, confirm, and receive any persons prepared ahead of time for presentation to him, including anyone wishing to renew baptismal vows. Bishop Curry is known and admired for his warm heart and dynamic preaching. For the past 10 years he has given strong and creative leadership to our diocese and to our Episcopal Church at large. His official visit to us is a time for us all to reaffirm our commitment to love and serve God as disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Especially at this particular juncture in the life of St. Bartholomew's Church, it is also a time for us visibly to embody that unity, constancy and peace for which we pray so fervently each time we say and hear the Prayer of Consecration at the Holy Eucharist. In short, it is a time for renewal and revival.

Over the next many weeks much of our life and activity will be focused more fully on fostering unity, constancy, and peace within our congregation. Using the input from our recent Parish Dialogue, our Vestry is revising our Parish Profile to articulate as fully and accurately as possible our communal sense of who we are and of the mission to which we believe God calls us in the Pittsboro and Chatham County communities. In other ways as well but for sure with these words I am writing (and you are reading) right now, we will call one another to more regular and conscientious presence at worship every Sunday and to good stewardship of our church buildings, our property, and our financial resources. Further, we will pray and consult respectfully with each other about God's mission for us in our area of the world, in our companion dioceses of Botswana and Costa Rica, and in other places.

Our Eucharistic prayer for "unity, constancy, and peace" is not a prayer for some future state of bliss. It is about right now.
Carl

Notes of appreciation

- To the Rev. Harrison Simons for serving as celebrant and both services of the Holy Eucharist on July 4
- To our Youth Choir for helping to prepare, serve, and clean up after the Community Lunch on August 5
- To Sara Wilson for her many hours of service encouraging the Youth Choir

Postcard from the pews

Many thanks to Richard Church who has led an amazing set of sessions on Christian Ethics in our Sunday Adult Christian Formation class this summer. Richard's erudite scholarship and gift of active listening have combined to make these sessions a real treat for those who were able to attend.

Beginning in August, the Adult Formation group will be studying the Psalms. What is your favorite Psalm? Bring it in, and we will talk about it together. We will also wrestle with question like: Where in the New Testament are the Psalms referenced, and by whom? What is the Song of David, and where in the Hebrew Bible does it appear? Which Psalms were used for pilgrims to the temple in Jerusalem? Which is the longest Psalm? The shortest? Which Psalm has been set to reggae music? All kinds of fun stuff, and some deeply serious issues as well, as we talk about how the Psalms have informed our lives as Christians. We will use tapes from a series by Micky Eford to supplement our discussions. As always, all are welcome, for one session or for all of them.

August is not too early to begin thinking about the Children's Christian Formation program. We are fortunate and blessed to have Dave Haman and Susan Sipal, who have been the force behind Children's Christian Formation. ! Thank you, thank you, both of you, for all the dedication you have made to our youngsters! This very important piece of Christian Formation needs some additional adults. Are you able to help Dave and Susan build this program? The future of the Church depends on our children. Sincere thanks to all who have given Children's sermons.

Thanks and praise goes to the indomitable Sara Wilson who gives of her time, energy and love to the Teen Ministry! As I write this postcard, the teens and Sara are on their way to the beach, to have fellowship and fun, and to do some local mission work. We're eager to hear how your trip went, ladies! August 24 is the feast day of our own St. Bartholomew, a missionary for our Lord, who traveled throughout Turkey, before being martyred in Armenia. The story goes that he was flayed alive, which is why his symbol is a tanner's knife. How grizzly! Bartholomew is the patron saint of cheese merchants, apparently because the curved knife that was used looked like a cheese knife! On these blisteringly hot days Bartholomew's story reminds

me of a story my mother used to sing." When it gets too hot for comfort, and you can't get ice cream cones, it ain't no sin to take off your skin, and dance around in your bones!"

One place where we can get ice cream most Thursdays is the Community Lunch at our church. Thanks to Moleta, who brought in some yummy butter-pecan last week. And thanks to Barb and Herb who dish up the ice cream and other delicious donated desserts.

Our Big Day at the Community Lunch was on July 22, when Bishop Michael Curry and Sarah Kerr visited us. We all know how many ways the Bishop feeds our Diocese, but that day, the Bishop fed potato salad to the community with the good grace and good humor he is known for. We are honored that he joined us for lunch, and hope he will come back soon. The Bishop is excited about the work that our little congregation is doing in the larger community.

It is a pleasure to serve this little congregation with big visions.

Yours,

Karen Ladd

Vestry meeting in July

At its July 14 meeting, the Vestry

- Set a tentative deadline of August 15 for completing the Parish Profile
- Heard about plans for a trip by the Youth Choir to Myrtle Beach where they will participate in some service projects sponsored by a Baptist group located there AND enjoy the beach
- Concurred in a decision by the Community Lunch Board to invite the Youth Choir to prepare the lunch on August 5 in return for which the funds contributed that day would help to support the Youth Choir's trip to Myrtle Beach
- Approved a Community Lunch fund-raising event for October 2
- Learned that a Planning Team is being formed by the Building Team to make plans for the campaign to raise funds for the new building

CORA

The summer months continue to be challenging for CORA due to the many needs of the children who are not receiving school lunches. As was mentioned in the July article for the Grapevine, we will try a **“FOOD OF THE MONTH CLUB”** to make it easier to think about what to bring to church to place in the CORA baskets. In July, we asked for canned soup. **August** will be **canned fruit** month. Of course, the other usual canned goods will also be welcomed. Please remember that we cannot accept any foods that are opened or that do not have government regulated labels.

Checks are also very welcomed, and can be made out to St. Bartholomew's with “CORA” in the memo line.

Your paper bags are always needed – with or without handles as well as plastic bags in good condition. These may also be dropped off at the CORA baskets.

Thank you, Saints!
Sally Earnest

A New Grandfather in Our Midst!

Michael "White Buffalo Spirit" McCormick is pleased to announce the birth of his grandson, Cormac McCormick, in Mclean, Virginia. Cormac came into this world on July 3rd and weighed in at nine lbs. This is the first grandchild for Michael and he's excited to share the news with anyone who will listen-so please speak to him about it during coffee hour. He's hoping the family pictures will be here by Sunday!

Forward Day by Day

Our daily meditation quarterlies (covering August, September, and October) are in the Parlor and at the front of the church. Regular-size print and large-print editions are available. Feel free to pick up copies for yourself or others.

Used Car Needed

We have a family who needs a used car in really good condition. If you have one you can donate or can make a donation toward the purchase of a used car for this family, please contact Carolyn Ashford-Works in the administrative office at 542-5679 or Karen Ladd, Lay Pastoral Leader at 542-4341.

Rides needed on Sundays

Some young people and some young-at-heart people need rides to church from Siler City and Pittsboro areas. Please speak with Karen Ladd if you can provide a ride.

Receiving The North Carolina Disciple?

The Disciple is the newspaper of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina. Beginning this fall, the paper will begin a quarterly schedule. If you're not receiving it, please let our office know.

Prayer List as of May 25

Our Members

Lee Bennett • Nan Capaldi • Jeff Clayton • Kathy Cordrey • Kit Donner • Bill and Virginia Dudenhausen • Aleacia Fisher • Harvey and Nancy Harman • Mary Phyllis Horn • Steve Jenkins • Patricia McCarthy • Valerie Scotton • Lyn Sims • Dorothy Ugurlu • Dianne Venable • Paul Volk • Wilson Family

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Angela Baker • Dave Bamberg • Joan Belden • Suzan Bell • Matt, Mary, and Walter Berg • Family of Ann Bickel • Thomas Broadway • John Capehart • Jack Card • Roy and Theresa Church • Toni Constant • Eli Davis • Anna Deese • Heather Stone Detrick • Kay Everage • Tish Faust • Cheryl Flicker • Tom and Nancy Foster • Wesley and Niki Garrett • Erin Gloster • Family of Sam Gross • Katherine Haworth • Gary and Cindy Hogman • Natalie Horton • Mildred Humphrey • Bill Johnson • Carol Kivett • John and Van Lochner • Beckie Maples • Kevin Miller • Fern Mignon • Phyllis Peoples • Janine Posillico • Courtney Perkinson • Don Raleigh • Evelyn Raynor • Betsy Rupe • Priscilla Ryder • Peg Shenton • Mary, Cameron, and Adalyn Smith • Nancy Stone Smith • Amanda Stang • Norman and Robert Stone • Doyle Stout • Bob Swagerty • Margo Tesch • David Townsend • Windy Troudeau • Jim VanLeeuwen • Esther Volk • Alexis Wise

Military and All in Harm's Way

Andrew Alotis • Ryan Baker • Sarah and Chris Burlee • Peggy Davidson • Jim Floyd • Colin Foote

• Douglas Gates • Amanda Pabye • William Phillips • Andrew Pryor.

*** From time to time we remove names that have been on our list for a good while. If you feel that any of these should be returned, please contact us: admin@saint-barts.org or 919-542-5679.**

August Birthdays

08/01 Calvin Ulrich
08/03 John Baer and Jaylen McKay
08/07 Becky Henley
08/08 Nancy Holden and Adair London
08/10 Marye Kloster and Abe Harman
08/11 Rebecca Tysor
08/12 Ben Harman
08/13 Nan Capaldi
08/14 Peter Haman and Daniel Tysor
08/16 Jenifer Fisher
08/18 Nan Gmelin-Foster
08/19 Libby Walls
08/20 Richard Plaisted and Sarah Haman
08/22 Phyllis Baer and Michael Broadway
08/25 Bev Donaldson and Jane Smith
08/26 Sam Holden

A Letter from Jim Floyd

Dear Carolyn, Carl, Karen, and others,
So good to hear from you - thanks so much. It's comforting to know I'm on the prayer list and even on the bulletin board for the Bishop to see!

All going well here - I raise the median age of our group of soliders significantly just by having my name on the Team roster but so far I think I'm pulling my weight. The commander of my unit and I are the only two Episcopalians in our group of 65, all but two of us from Kentucky (it's a National Guard unit). Bagram Air Base where we are located north of Kabul has services for many denominations but not for Episcopalians; I have gone to RC mass once since the timing was best for our schedule that week. There is even a Pagan service on Wed evenings in the chapel annex but I haven't let curiosity get the best of me yet.

This land is truly something. It's trite to say but time stands still, especially in the countryside as we drive through and observe the people with their animals. It

brings home why the Bible is full of so many references to sheep, goats and donkeys (or I might as well say asses); they were such an integral part of their daily lives and the people knew how they acted and what they would do in any given situation, just as the people in Afghanistan know to this day. How many Episcopalians can relate to "lost sheep" anymore? I have had the chance to work with people keeping the flocks and herds and look forward to doing more, although our emphasis is now on training the local professionals rather than providing services and treatments to the people.

Raising the status of women in this country is the key to successful change, if it can happen. When I was in Helmand province, south of Kandeahar a couple of weeks back a beautiful young girl about 8 or 9 came to us with a small group of sheep along with her siblings or cousins. She had no shoes and although her tunic was very colorful it was tattered and dirty; she was walking in her bare feet with the dry "moon dust," as our soldiers call it, up to her ankles. It's a dry, dusty place. Through our interpreter she asked if I had any shoes to give her, which we did not. Broke my heart to answer because I realized that in a few short years that little girl will likely be sequestered and robbed, without the ability to freely speak to a foreigner like she just did. I only hope that they have or will have a school for her to go to, but that's in the most conservative part of the country. The contrasts there are the greatest I have seen.

Karen, please give my best wishes to our Sunday school class. I really miss it. The discussions were an awakening of the spirit for me; what a wonderful group that you lead.

Carolyn, thanks again so much for the thoughtful message.

Peace,
jim

August

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 8:00 & 10:30 Holy Eucharist 9:15 Bible Study 12 noon: Hot Theology with the Vicar			4 6:30 West Chatham Disciples	5 12:00 Community Lunch		
8 8:00 & 10:30 Holy Eucharist 9:15 Bible Study 12 noon: Hot Theology with the Vicar			11 7:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting	12 12:00 Community Lunch 2:30 Chatham County Home School		
15 8:00 & 10:30 Holy Eucharist 9:15 Bible Study 12 noon: Hot Theology with the Vicar 5:30 Planning Team			18 6:30 West Chatham Disciples	19 12:00 Community Lunch		
22 8:00 & 10:30 Holy Eucharist 9:15 Bible Study 12 noon Worship Team				26 12:00 Community Lunch 2:30 Chatham County Home School		
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