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From Our Vicar

“O come, let us sing unto the Lord,” the writer of Psalm 95 invites us. And at St. Bartholomew’s we do. Even at the 8:00 a.m. service every now and then. We do it with our spoken voices, with our broken voices, with our token voices, and, some among us, with clear, lovely, even trained voices. Most recently I was aware, during communion, of a rendition of “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot” that was lively, imaginative, and inspired. We actually “rocked”, as some among us would have it. Thank God and thank goodness for both the adult and the youth choirs. When the Psalmist in Psalm 96 invites us to “Sing to the Lord a new song,” we’re not always so enthusiastic, but are nearly always willing to give it a try. The Psalmist (in Psalm 150, for example) also gives giant encouragement for us to use a variety of instruments to enhance our worship, and we are wonderfully blessed in that regard. Jo Snelling and Maryphyllis Horn have led and continue to lead the way beautifully on organ and piano, and Jo even throws in a clarinet every once in a while. Nancy Harman blesses us with her ministry as choir director and with her lovely voice. Kevin Jones contributes trumpet and guitar, Diane Winger and Harvey Harman their guitar skills, also. Once in a while Isaac Cassedy provides a violin, Julia Haman and James London get in on the piano team, Sue Wilson charms us with the hammered dulcimer, Jane Bruce adds recorder and harp, Susan Sipal leads a great set of handbell ringers, and, quite recently, Dick Plaisted even led our rejoicing with a harmonica. Are there others I’ve overlooked in this listing? Probably, and my apologies if so. But don’t you agree that it is a special delight to be have all these musical members of our community to help us live more and more fully into the Psalmist’s vision of God’s people at worship?

Yours in Christ,
Carl

Postcard from the pews

Dear St. Bartholomew;

I hope you have been sitting in on at least one of the special Adult Christian Formation opportunities that are being offered this summer. Richard Church is leading the Adult Bible Study in an exploration of Christian Ethics each Sunday during July from 9:30-10:25 in the parish hall parlor. Carl Edwards is hosting an after-the-10:30 service conversation about faith in everyday life.

As you know, we Episcopalians don't claim to have all the answers. But that is not what the life of a Christian is all about. When we gather to talk about our faith, we share our faith journey by sharing our stories and questions. In fact, one Adult Formation curriculum which we have used is called "Living the Questions." As our former rector said often, "Nobody has all of the truth, but we all have a piece of the truth."

We are learning from one another what it means to be Episcopalian Jesus followers.. One way that we do this is by listening to each other's stories. In hearing each other's stories, we realize that we are all a part of The Story.

Another way we learn to be Jesus followers is in the practice of prayer, both privately and communally. We do this on Sundays of course, and also daily at home and on the road. Some of us take time out of our lives to go on spiritual retreats. Prayer comes before action, in our private and corporate lives. Your friend St. Ignatius of Loyola has taught many people the way of prayer through "The Spiritual Exercises". The exercises, a combination of prayer and contemplation, are most often done over a period of a month, on a silent retreat, but can be also utilized in daily life. St. Ignatius, whose feast day is July 31, was raised to be a soldier and became a priest instead. His disciples were the first Jesuits (Society of Jesus).

Some people pray as they walk, and some pray when they do dishes. Maybe you pray in the car on the way to work. Or maybe you pray while you swim, as I do. No matter HOW you pray, my hope is that during this month of July, our congregation will all come to know Christ better through prayer. Although we will miss Carl during his 2 absences this month, we are fortunate to have 2 extraordinary clergy filling in. On July 4, we will welcome the Rev. Marilyn McCord Adams. On July 25, the Rev. Harrison Simons, brother of John, will be celebrating. I hope you are here both days, and of course on the other Sundays of July when Carl will be with us for Eucharist and Adult Faith Discussion.

Walk in peace,
Karen Ladd

Vestry meetings in June

At its June 9 meeting, the Vestry:

- Made plans to contact all parishioners who were not able to be present for the June 6 Parish Dialogue to get their responses to the three questions posed to us all.
- Set a deadline for receiving all responses by June 30
- Agreed to try to review and process the responses in the month of July with the hope of having a revised Parish Profile ready to post on our website and distribute in other ways by July 31.

Notes of appreciation

- To Sheryl Forbis from the Church of the Holy Family in Chapel Hill for helping us organize and facilitate the Parish Dialogue on June 6
- To our Vestry for their work of several sorts in facilitating the Parish Dialogue
- To Alistair Nevius for recording in a manageable way the many responses received by the Parish Dialogue so the Vestry can study them and make the wisest possible use of them.

CORA

CORA's needs always grow over the summer months, because there are fewer food drives happening around the county. You can certainly help with your donations to the baskets each week right here at St. Bart's. In order to make it easier to remember what to bring, we'll start a "**FOOD OF THE MONTH CLUB.**" **July's food** will be **canned soup** of any variety.

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

Our Members

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

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We Extend a Warm Welcome To Our Visiting Clergy

The Rev. Marilyn McCord Adams is canonically resident in the diocese of Los Angeles, where she was ordained during the AIDS epidemic. She taught for many years in the philosophy department at UCLA, before becoming the Horace Tracy Pitkin Professor of Historical Theology at Yale Divinity School. Most recently, she was Regius Professor of Divinity and canon of Christ Church Oxford, UK. She returned to the U.S. to become Distinguished Research Professor of Philosophy at UNC-CH. She specializes in medieval and philosophical theology, and her books include *Horrendous Evils and the Goodness of God*, *Christ and Horrors: The Coherence of Christology*, *Wrestling for Blessing* (sermons), and *Opening to God: Childlike Prayers for Adults*. She also likes to make desserts!

July Birthdays

07/02 Sledd Thomas
Torrey Epps
07/03 Garrett Penley
07/05 Paul Volk
07/09 Valerie Scotton
07/10 Virginia Thomas
07/12 Bonnie Vargo
Christine Nevius
07/13 Gary Simpson
07/16 Aleacia Fisher
07/17 Keyshia Miller
07/19 Kathryn Atwater
07/20 Sally Earnest
07/21 Peg Shenton
Dianne Venable
Rouse Wilson
07/22 Kevin Jones
Adam Cheely
07/25 John Ulrich
Rose Holden
07/27 Erin Cheely
07/28 Michael "White Buffalo Spirit"
McCormick

