



The Grapevine

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From our Vicar, Carl

As we begin January, we'll still be within the 12 days of Christmas and looking forward to the Second Sunday of Christmas on January 4. During our service on that day we will commission our new Vestry and officers.

Term ends 12/09 Don Krombach,
Lyn Sims, Senior Warden

Term ends 12/10 Skip London, Robert Willis
Sara Wilson, Junior Warden

Term ends 12/11 Kristy Church, Alistair Nevius, Charlie Pulliam

Sarah Justice, who was elected to a one-year term, has informed us that her husband, Rick, has accepted a job in Black Mountain, NC. They will be moving to that lovely town soon, so Sarah has had to resign her position. The Vestry will soon elect someone to take her place.

Christmas and Epiphany are good festival seasons and good times for commissioning people. Like the three kings we have seen and greeted the Christ child. We have also been blessed by family and friends, and we have given our blessings in return. We have gathered at the manger. It is now time to go into the world to love and serve the Lord, entrusted as we are with a message and a way of life that has potential for healing the world, for binding up the wounds of the downhearted and oppressed, for reconciling people estranged from one another, for turning swords into ploughshares and spears into pruning hooks, and so ushering in the acceptable year of the Lord. We have been gifted with an epiphany. Now it is time to get to work. It is time for mission and ministry, time for the Great Commission. Thanks be to God.

Yours in Christ,

Carl



Diocesan Convention on January 23 and 24

The Convention will be held on Friday and Saturday at the Benton Convention Center located in Winston-Salem. Maclyn Gavin and Bev Donaldson are our lay delegates to the convention. Father Carl along with Linky Betts as Alternate Delegate will also be in attendance.

Pledge for 2008

Eight or ten of our parishioners who made pledges for 2008 have not as yet filled out a pledge card for 2009. If the list below is incorrect, please contact the office. Pledges from newcomers are also warmly welcomed.

Vestry Actions on December 17

- Welcomed the newly-elected Vestry members Kristy Church, Sarah Justice, Alistair Nevius, and Charlie Pulliam, but learned with regret that Sarah, for unexpected and good reasons, need to submit her resignation
- Expressed great appreciation to the retiring Vestry members Linky Betts, Ann Tysor, and Kelley Baker
- Elected Lyn Sims as Senior Warden, Sara Wilson as Junior Warden, and Pierce Cassedy as Parish Treasurer
- Adopted the salary items from the proposed budget for 2009 and agreed to act on the rest of the proposed budget at the January meeting
- Made general plans for the Vestry Retreat on Friday evening, January 30 and across the day on January 31 at the RAFI center in Pittsboro

Notes of appreciation

- To Ann Thomas and Linky Betts for arranging the food for the Annual Meeting
- To C. R. Townsend and her helpers for arranging the Silent Auction at the Annual Meeting to support CORA
- To Lisa London and Fran McClintock for completing the audit of our 2007 Financial Records
- To Ginny Gregory for overseeing the Greening of the Church, and to all who joined with such cheer in that endeavor
- To Susan Sipal and the Church School for the delightful Christmas Pageant
- To Susan Wilson, Kevin Jones, and Sara Wilson for the special music preceding the late Christmas Eve service
- To Rebecca Yount and her crew of helpers for arranging the live crèche scene at the late Christmas Eve service
- To the Revs. Liz Dowling-Sendor and Berry Parsons for their priestly services at our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services
- To Karen Ladd for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day sermons
- To Nancy Harman and our choir for their beautiful choral contributions to our services of worship and to Jo Snelling for her skills with our church organ
- To Nancy Simons and our Altar Guild for their caring attention to our Advent and Christmas altar appointments
- To Dave Haman and all who helped with the Habitat for Humanity work on December 20

2009 Pledging Units

Barb Alotis	Beverly Donaldson	Mary Phyllis Horn	Warren and Suz Seitz
Sam and Janet Ashford	Kit Donner	Sam and Marjorie Hudson	Donald Simonet
Carolyn Ashford-Works	Sally Earnest	Brant & Willie Jeffreys	John and Nancy Simons
Katharine Aycrigg	Carl and Janet Edwards	Kevin Jones	Gary Simpson
John and Phyllis Baer	Barbara Eveleth	Marye Kloster	Lyn Sims
Lee Bennett	Aleacia Fisher	Don and Karen Krombach	Susan Sipal
Caroline (Linky) Betts	Jenifer Fisher	Karen Ladd	Jane Smith
Michael and Ann Broadway	James and Twila Floyd	Skip and Lisa London	Jo Snelling
Jane Bruce	Marjanne Gmelin-Foster	Rolf and Ronnie Lynton	Sledd and Ann Thomas
Libby and Nan Capaldi	Ginny Gregory	Patricia McCarthy	Mike & Ann Tysor
Al Capehart & C. R. Townsend	Katherine Griffith	Pete and Fran McClintock	Joe and Bonnie Vargo
Pierce and Elizabeth Cassedy	Chad and Elizabeth Haddix	Alistair and Caroline Nevius	Moleta Waddell
Richard and Kristen Church	Dave and Frances Haman	Tina Patterson	Turner and Cathy Whitted
Jeffrey Clayton	Harvey and Nancy Harman	Allen and Helen Pegg	Robert Willis
Liz Crowley	Eleanor Hawkins	Charlie and Amy Pulliam	Sara Wilson
Larry and Lynn Dohner	Jim and Valerie Hinkley	Jane Pyle	Diane Winger
	Robert and Nancy Holden	Consi Scott	John and Rebecca Yount

Silent Auction, hosted by Social Concerns & Outreach Team (SC&OT), during St. Bartholomew's Annual Meeting brought in over \$600.00 for CORA.

The Angel Tree brought many thoughtful gifts of food, a few toys, and clothing for folks at Carolina Living and Learning Center, the Women's Shelter, a church family with many needs, and food for CORA.

Shrove Tuesday planning is beginning. A joint event hosted by many teams will be on Tuesday February 24th. Dates and times for planning sessions will begin soon. All are invited to help plan, organize, and be present on 2/24 to serve, cook, and of course clean-up. For further information contact CR Townsend at 542-5422.

In with the new, out with the old - places to donate used items

Whether you have been sprucing up the house for company, or getting new clothes and household items as Christmas presents, many of you will start the new year by cleaning out items you have replaced and no longer need. There are many people in our area that would be glad to have these items and many organizations in our area that you can donate these items to who will help these items get to the people who need them. Even not so gently used items can be a blessing to those who have the least.

Some of the places that take donations of used items to give away or sell -

Kids Warehouse - about 8 miles south of the Pittsboro Courthouse, Mark and Beth Morton - Co-Directors

The Kid's Warehouse, Inc. , A 501(3)(c) non-profit agency
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The Kid's Warehouse, Inc. accepts good used furniture, bicycles, linens, blankets, toys, outside grills, kerosene heaters/oil, wood stoves/fire wood, TV's, radios, used mattresses with frames, baby cribs/play pens/car seats, baby clothes and supplies size 0-12 months, sleep sofas, small and large appliances, cars, specific request clothes, dishes, pans, kitchen utensils, towels/washcloths, curtains, and mattress pads to give away to those Kid's, families and individuals in need.

The Kids Warehouse also accepts and needs cash donations to assist families/individuals with gas for emergency transportation, emergency food, money for school supplies, fresh under garments, shoes, medications and such. The individuals usually receive a small gift card from us to purchase those items and are limited to the amounts they can receive. We also accept donations for paper products such as: paper towel, toilet paper, laundry soap/supplies, shampoo, bath soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, animal food (yes-some families animals go unfed when there isn't money), feminine hygiene, diapers and such other items that can't be purchased with food stamps.

Habitat for Humanity Home Store and Home Store 2— Located on Business 64 west of the Pittsboro Courthouse

Home Store accepts new and used working appliances, furniture, books, household items, etc

Home Store 2 accepts new and used building materials, built-in appliances, outdoor items like lawn mowers, fencing, swingsets, etc
Items sold to raise money to build safe affordable housing (with volunteer labor from St Barts and the future occupants) for low-income residents

Second Bloom - just north of the Pittsboro Courthouse - used clothing in very good condition and other small items - sold to support the Family Violence and Rape Crisis Center

And of course CORA - the food pantry always needs non-perishable food!

CORA:

Thank you, St Bartholomew's, for a very fruitful Christmas season for CORA! The needs continue to be overwhelming at times, so please keep up the good work. Every can or packaged product that you bring is one less that we need to purchase. In this economy, it has become increasingly difficult to meet our goal of feeding each member of our client's families for one week, but so far, we have been able to do that, thanks to the generosity of good people like you.

Our needs this month are:

Canned fruits, collards or spinach, tuna and salmon as well as peanut butter, Jiffy baking mix, dried beans, cereal, and dry milk. The clients always appreciate receiving paper towels and toilet paper. Regular sized cans are preferred.

Your paper bags with handles are always needed, and can also be dropped off at the CORA baskets.

Thank you, Saints,

Postcard from the pews

Dear brothers and sisters;

Happy St. Stephen's Day!

One of my all-time favorite songs is "Good King Wenceslaus", written by an Englishman about a Bavarian king with a compassionate heart. It describes the king and his servant going out into the cold on the feast of St. Stephen (December 26) to take food and fuel to a poor peasant.

St. Stephen, one of the first deacons of the church, (they waited on tables) was forthright in his words to the Sanhedrin, calling them "stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears....(who) resist the Holy Spirit" (Acts 7: 51). Arrested by the high priest, he was condemned to death by stoning. As a result of his martyrdom, St. Stephen is the patron saint of stonemasons and bricklayers! His emblem is a heap of stones. St. Stephen's Day is also known as Boxing Day in the U.K. and other parts of the world. It is the day on which employers give gifts to their employees, boxes of food and fruit are given to the poor, and in some churches, alms boxes are opened and the money given to the poor. Traditionally, it has been a day of giving, although in recent times it has also become the day of returning gifts to stores!

The last stanza of "Good King Wenceslaus" speaks to the gift of giving: "Therefore Christian men be sure; wealth or rank possessing. Ye who will now bless the poor shall yourselves find blessing."

On this St. Stephen's Day, I am thinking of the many ways in which I have seen folks at St. Bartholomew's "*bear witness to Christ...and*

according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world; and to take their place in the life, worship and governance of the Church" (BCP p. 855: the ministry of the laity). This past week there have been so many people involved in so many facets of "doing" church and "being" church. Susan led another beautiful children's pageant. The kids were spectacular. Rebecca choreographed the adult nativity tableau, something new for St. Bart's. Ariel carried the role of Mary well, as the young Christ-carrier. The rest of the cast was spectacular. Sarah sang her heart out as the Little Drummer Boy, and Jo rocked the organ with carol after carol.

Meanwhile, Kit, Amy, Carolyn and Lyn S. were busy planning a Christmas box lunch for anyone who happened to stop by, since Christmas was on a Thursday. Robin and Chuck stayed to give away lunches, including turkey from Jane and cake from Kevin. While up on Midway St., John held court to his fan club, including the Bishop, who shared the Eucharist using a bottle of wine from Lynn D.

We are "doing" church in so many ways here at St. Bart's. There is one area that could use a bit of tweaking, however, and that is stewardship of the church building. Please take a minute to wash your coffee cup and put your worship books back in their places after using. Your minutes add up to a ministry of stewardship. It will be well appreciated by all.

I look forward to the New Year with you all, witnessing to Christ's love, wherever we are.

Walk in peace, Karen

I am very pleased to announce how vibrant our church community is. After a two month campaign to recruit our members to become more involved and invested in St. Bartholomew's, we have good news to report; close to 100% of our regular attendees have signed up to do some sort of activity in the church and in our community. This congregation takes seriously what it means to be a church. I feel so lucky to be involved with such a committed and loving group of people. Thank You for all your time and many talents!

In Peace and Sincerity,
Kristy Church
for the Stewardship Committee

Our Members

Barb Alotis • Lee Bennett • Nan Capaldi • Jeff Clayton • Kit Donner • Bill and Virginia Dudenhausen • Margie Ellison • Aleacia Fisher • Harvey and Nancy Harman • Valerie and Jim Hinkley • Steve Jenkins • Lyn Sims • Susan Turner and Grandchildren

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Our Military

Ryan S. Baker • Peggy Davidson • Jim Floyd • Colin Foote • Trey Walters
and all in harm's way

Those who have died

John Simons

