

St. Bartholomew's Newsletter

June 2001

The Rector's Choice

Rev. David Pollock
Rector

Dear People of St. Bartholomew's:

I am writing this after my first three weeks as your rector. It has been a joy for me to become a part of this community, You have been so gracious and welcoming to me and my family. We already feel at home. I am now settled in my office in the Parish Life Center and thanks to the women of the church, especially Sonja Elgin, my office is nicely decorated. I hope you might come by to visit me there in the near future.

I am gradually learning the customs and customary of St. Bart's. The day long Vestry conference at the College of Preachers at the Cathedral was very helpful in getting off to a good start. You have an excellent Vestry. I was also pleased to attend the Ladies Guild luncheon and meeting this last week. That group has so many ideas and so much energy in their service to the church! I have also enjoyed sitting with them on the corner for the Azaleas sale. I look forward to getting together with the other groups of the parish before long.

I hope you will make a special effort to be at the 11:00 a.m. service on Father's Day, June 17th for the special thanksgiving for the Sunday School, its children and teachers. I have been so impressed by the leadership of Bill and Ann Fitts and the other teachers. The Sunday School is certainly our growing point. Even after Sunday School ends for the year and we begin our 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. services, we will still have a program for the children in the summer.

I hope you will continue to help me get acquainted with the parish by introducing yourself and inviting me to share in the events of your life. We have already had a Baptism with at least one more to come this summer, and I am talking with two couples about marriage. Maybe you have a sick loved one or have moved and would like a house blessing or just have some questions about faith or life, please feel free to call and set up an appointment.

We have many exciting things to work on together here at St. Bartholomew's and I look forward to sharing your ministry.

Peace and love in Christ
David

Summer Schedule

It's summer and time for us to go to our Summer Schedule. **Beginning on Sunday, June 24, 2001 service hours will be 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.** We will return to our regular schedule on September 9, 2001. Take advantage of the earlier hours to go to church before your golf, swim, picnic, or do whatever you do in summer.

Sunday School Family Night

June 10, 2001 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. in the Parish Life Center. We invite all parents to discuss our Christian education program. We want to share our plans for next year, and include your thoughts. Also, don't hesitate to bring friends and neighbors to see what we have to offer. Parents of high school age youth should also attend since we intend to intensify our efforts to reach the youth in our community. There will be a movie and popcorn for the children in the Undercroft during the meeting and light refreshments for all. We hope to see you there!

Summer Recess Activities

Sunday School will not be in session this summer. However, we will have Summer Activities for Sunday School age children during the 10:00 service. So, you can attend church, as always, knowing your children are being taken care of. Contact Bill Fitts for details.

County Fair

The County Fair Food Booth project is fast approaching. There will be a sign up sheet on the table as you enter the Sanctuary for you to volunteer. We will have three shifts most days. Bring a friend or a relative with you. There are jobs for children and adults alike. Some of the jobs include frying hamburgers, cooking french fries, making sandwiches, selling at the Coke trailer at the Show Ring, keeping tables clean, serving soft drinks, or being a runner or server. No experience is necessary. You will arrive a bit early and receive on-the-job training. For those with small children, Mom and Dad can take turns at the booth while the little ones can visit the carnival with the parent who is not working.

There are many suggested projects for the proceeds of this endeavor so all monies made from the Food Booth will go towards projects within the Parish.

Please call Barbara at (301)-258-9173 for information or to volunteer for one or more days. She will also give a daily Fair Pass for each one who works a shift.

Parish Membership Directories are available in the Church office or you can call the office to have one sent to you.

Building, Grounds & Finance (BG&F)

Are you good at repairing buildings? painting? like to do gardening? have some good ideas for planning future use of the Church buildings and grounds? The Building, Grounds, & Finance Committee needs you!

The BG&F Committee had its first meeting May 30, 2001. Seven members attended and several more were unable to attend. The BG&F Committee has seven sub-committees each with distinct responsibility as follows:

1. **Administration** - responsible for utilities, contracts (maintenance and repair), insurance, etc.
2. **Church Building** - responsible for the single building, including repairs and upgrades
3. **Rectory Building** - responsible for the single building, including repairs and upgrades
4. **Parish Life Center** - responsible for the single building, including repairs and upgrades
5. **Grounds** (including garage and shed) - responsible for care and maintenance (other than grass cutting and snow removal which are under contract)
6. **Budget & Finance** - responsible for drafting an annual budget and tracking progress
7. **Long Range Planning for Buildings and Grounds**

Which one fits your skills and talents?

Some of the issues discussed during our first meeting's "brain-storming" session included:

- *Septic system replacement/repair and location*
- *Expansion of parking lot*
- *Future use of Grounds*
- *Use of Rectory and Parish Life Center*
- *Music Barn property (which is For Sale)*
- *Handicapped access*
- *Desired/required level of growth*
- *Historic buildings/Town & County plans and requirements*
- *Need for a Parish Long Range Planning Group*

See George Leigh to sign up!

Wardens Words

The Rev. David Pollock joined St. Bartholomew's on May 1, 2001 and we started off with a rush. On Saturday, May 12, the Vestry and Dr. Pollock participated in a retreat at the College of Deacons on the National Cathedral Grounds. It gave us an opportunity to tell Dr. Pollock what our interests were for the church and what we hoped to accomplish as Vestry members and it gave him a chance to do the same with us.

After general introductions and discussion, we paired off to develop lists of the three major areas of interest and/or concern and then had a brainstorming session where we categorized our lists into six major categories. We then broke up into Task Groups to develop and expand the lists, make them cohesive, and determine the staffing needs to address the issues. We also decided who on the Vestry should be responsible for each Task Group.

- Property and Finance (George Leigh)
- Christian Education (Bill Fitts)
- Worship (Charley White)
- Parish Life (Joyce Hatter)
- Outreach (Ethel Ollivierre)
- Stewardship (Dave Carvey)

These Groups are far reaching in their scope. They include long range planning, budget, parish communications, encouraging new members, church activities, Sunday school programs, adult Bible study, and all other aspects of St. Bartholomew's.

We agreed that we will further develop these Task Groups and involve other members of the congregation with the goal to complete the staffing and priority development by September.

You will be hearing more about these Task Groups over the summer. Your input and comments are necessary if our church is to move forward. **If you wish to participate, contact the group chair-person.**

Harry Bennett

Summer Bible Study

We are planning another Bible study, tentatively scheduled to begin Monday, July 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Life Center and continuing weekly thereafter. We will study the Book of Acts which chronicles the growth of the early Church by the power of the Holy Spirit through the disciples, how the Church was organized, and how, on a personal level, we can turn to the Holy Spirit for strength and guidance in God's will. Study guides will be provided. Everyone is invited., welcome, and encouraged to attend. Please contact Lee Briggs (301) 840-9893 or Rev. Pollock for more information. (Or just show up.)

Ladies Guild Azalea Sale

Beginning Wednesday, May 2 the Ladies Guild will be holding its Annual Azalea Sale. Hours will be from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday each week. The sale is located at the corner of Route 108 and Brink Road in Laytonsville. The azaleas are grown locally and our prices



Library

The Parish Life Center library is now in operation. We are upstairs (above the Rector's office). Come on up — sit and relax, meditate, read a book — or check one out to read at home.

Of course, we are still accepting books. We will accept religious, fiction or non-fiction, reference books on the Bible or religious persons, meditation books of all kinds as well as wholesome fiction. You can also loan us books or contribute funds to buy new books.

Books may be dropped off at the Parish Life Center from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. Call Paige Bennett, (301) 548-1070 to participate.

Scheduled Activities

- June 5 —? Ladies Guild Azalea Sale
- June 10 Worship Committee 10:00 a.m.
- June 10 Sunday School Family Night 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.
- June 16 Youth Sailing Trip
- June 17 Sunday School Graduation, Parish Picnic and Father's Day Celebration
- June 20 Vestry Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- June 20 — 21 Ladies' Guild Fair Bake All Day
- June 24 Summer Service Schedule Starts

Sunday Service Schedule

8:00 a.m.

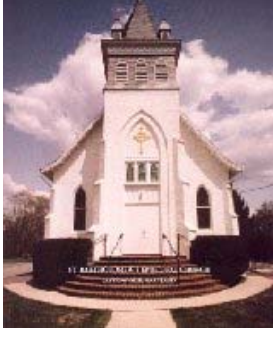
The Holy Communion

11:00 a.m.

(10:00 a.m. starting June 24, 2001)

The Holy Communion — on first and third Sundays
Morning Prayer — on second, fourth and fifth Sundays

Sunday School is held during the 11:00 service
Sunday Fellowship Coffee Hour follows both Sunday services



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