

St. Bartholomew's Newsletter

January 2003

The Rector's Choice

Rev. David Pollock, Rector

Dear People of St. Bartholomew's:

I want to wish each of you a blessed 2003. We concluded 2002 with a wonderful series of services. The Sunday School Christmas Pageant on December 22nd was so beautiful and moving. We had 152 people in church and you will soon be able to see the pictures on our web site. The Christmas services that followed were beautiful and well attended and only slightly disrupted by the first white Christmas in many years. I particularly want to thank the choir for the special music all through Advent and Christmas.

We are now entering the season of Epiphany symbolized by the coming of the wise men to visit the Christ Child. But it is their leaving the manger and going into all their various countries to spread the word of the birth of Christ that is really the theme of Epiphany — being sent to spread the good news. I hope each of us remember that we are each sent to spread the word of the birth of the Savior sent from God in the person of Jesus. We know how much being nurtured by Jesus means to us and our lives and we are to help others to feel that peace as well.

During January and February we will be exploring the theme of what it means to be sent in God's name. On Sunday the twelfth of January, we will have two baptisms at the later service to remind all of us of our baptism. Starting on January 19th at 9:30 a.m., all those who wish to know more about the Episcopal Church and who seek to be more a part of St. Bartholomew's are invited to join the Adult Inquirer's Class that I will teach over the next few months. We will learn about our history, what we believe and study the bible in preparation for acceptance or confirmation into the Episcopal Church.

One more note, please plan to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on February 2nd at 10 a.m. in the church. We will elect new vestry members, review the activities of last year and prepare new initiatives for 2003. You will find it an interesting and important meeting.

May God bless you and your families in your ministry.

*Peace and love in Christ,
David*

Contribution envelopes for the first three weeks of January have been mailed to all who have pledged for 2003. Additional envelopes are available at the entrance to the church. Regular envelopes for the year will be available latter this month.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of St. Bartholomew's Church will be on February 2, 2003. Mark your calendars! This is the place to participate in the church and help us as we plan for our future. We will also elect our church officers.

There will be only one service at 10:00 a.m. on February 2. This will be immediately followed by the Annual Meeting. There will be Sunday School and youth activities so that families with children will be able to participate in the meeting.



Thank you to all
who gave flowers in
the memory of your
loved ones.

Altar Guild

Stevie Grimes, Chair of the Altar Guild committee, is looking for parishioners who would be interested in serving on the Altar Guild. The Altar Guild takes care of the altar brass and linens and prepares the altar for the church services. It is a loving opportunity to serve in a friendly group together. Please contact Stevie at (301) 972-3072 if you are interested.

After the service each week we take altar flowers to those parishioners who are unable to attend services. As a result, the green tins that contain the flowers tend to be left at various residences. If you have any of these green flower tins, please return them to the church Choir Room so that we can reuse them.

2002 Contributions

In 2002 our Pledge goal was \$110,000 with actual pledges being over \$112,000. Contributions through the end of December are \$127,000 with final year-end contributors still to be heard from. This increase is due to the number of new families coming to St. Bartholomew's and the increased involvement of everyone in our expanding parish activities.

**International Outreach
Milembe Children's Home**

On the last Sunday of 2002, I received a phone call from Father Demo. Sitting quietly, reflecting on the blessings of this year, Sosiness was moved to call to say how good God has been, in bringing St. Bartholomew's together with him and his wife Mary to begin making a home for some of Kenya's orphaned children. On the same Sunday, I received at our church door an envelope. From one of St. Bartholomew's new families, it contained a generous offering for the work of the Demos, in building the Milembe Children's Home. Along with the offering came a note, giving thanks for the God-given opportunity to support this ministry.

It is indeed a wonderful thing, that God is putting before St. Bartholomew's this call and opportunity to help destitute and bereft children become loved, and healthy, and educated in the name of Christ.

And so much progress has been made! By December, the walls of the house -- designed to be home to twelve girls -- had been erected, and St. Bartholomew's had provided \$4,820 to bring the construction to that point, including purchase of the land on which the orphanage is being built. The Demos have provided a painstaking accounting of funds used through December, as well as a budget for the next set of construction activities: putting the house under roof, with doors and windows installed, and walls plastered. In the last days of December, as this newsletter was going to print, St. Bartholomew's was preparing to send roughly \$3,100 in additional funds to accomplish the roof, doors, windows, and plastering. Our ability to provide financial support has come through operating funds as provided in the 2002 St. Bartholomew's budget, through a portion of the Madeline Mumford bequest, and through the generous gifts of individuals.

Fr. Demo has been doing an advanced hospital chaplaincy course in Hershey, Pennsylvania this fall. On January 5 he will return to Kenya, to join Mary (who is a school teacher) in pressing forward with making the orphanage ready for occupation in early 2003. Please pray for Sosiness, Mary, the construction workers, and the children who await this home.

The Rev. Margaret Pollock

**"Giving is Good News!
Stewardship Update**

Pledges for 2003

We're pleased to let the parish know that the total 2003 pledge amount is \$124,000, some \$12,000 more than last year at this time. We're also pleased to note that more families pledged this year and that there are 14 new pledges.

With this pledge amount known, the Wardens and Vestry are able to better prepare, budget, and allocate the available resources for our next year. It's very helpful and we thank all that pledged and also those who contribute to the life and resources of the parish.

*Stewardship Committee
Dave Carvey*

Warden's Words

Happy New Year fellow Saint Bartholomew's parishioners!

What a beautiful way to close the year, the first white Christmas that our area has seen in many years. Along with the snow, the services on Christmas Eve and Christmas day were the culmination of what is one of our busiest months at Saint Bartholomew's. Bishop Bartlett started the month for us on the first Sunday of Advent by preaching at both services, and leading a breakfast discussion. The Sunday school was busy all month, preparing for their Christmas pageant, collecting gifts for children at the Betty Anne Krahnke Center, and of course learning about Advent and the meaning of Christmas. The Outreach Committee continued support for local families in need, and the Ladies Guild put together and delivered holiday baskets for people in need in our parish. Again this year we supported the Salvation Army by bell ringing at Lake Forest Mall. And of course all this was in addition to all the things that so many people do every month to keep the church running smoothly. Thanks to everyone for a great year at Saint Bartholomew's.

In my first newsletter last February, I said that I thought 2002 would be a transition year for us to prepare for the future. I emphasized growth and the need to strengthen our financial situation, as our monetary support from the Diocese would be ending in March of 2003. To that end, we've made good progress. We've added several new families to our congregation, and our successful stewardship campaign increased the amount of pledges we depend on to establish the budget for the coming year. With the loss of the Diocesan contribution, our budget will be tight this year, but we will have sufficient funds to get us through the year. We need to emphasize growth again this year and improve our finances so that we can continue to provide the resources we need to support all of the good work of our church. This will be the focus of our Vestry retreat in late February. If you have ideas on how to do this, please let me know, or give them to Reverend Pollock or any of the Vestry so we can discuss them at the retreat.

Our annual meeting will be on February 2nd, and I hope everyone will attend. It's an opportunity to find out what the Vestry and each of the committees have accomplished during the year, discuss the opportunities and challenges ahead of us, and elect new leadership. You will be hearing more about the meeting and the nominees for the new Vestry in the coming weeks, but please mark your calendar now and plan to attend. I look forward to seeing you there.

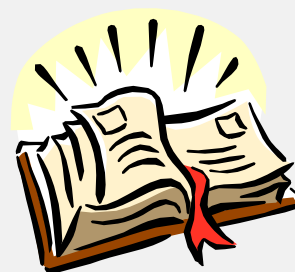
Jim Craig
Senior Warden

Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army

Salvation Army bell ringing at Lake Forest Mall was a great success. Clear and cool — perfect for the enthusiastic volunteers under the leadership of Art Elgin

Altar Backdrop

Did anyone notice the change in the altar? The backdrop has been taken down and we now see the beautiful stained glass window behind the altar. It looks so good this way we began to wonder why the backdrop was put up in the first place. If you know, let us know by calling the church office.



Bible Study

The Monday Evening Bible Study meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Undercroft. We are now studying the Book of Mark.

The Wednesday Bible Study meets at 10:00 a.m. in the Education Building (Rectory). The class is followed by Wednesday Holy Communion at 11:00 a.m.

Come join one of these dynamic groups!

Ladies Guild News

The Ladies Guild distributed 16 fruit laden baskets to various esteemed members of St. Bartholomew's this past Christmas. We delivered most of them the same day and were welcomed at each home. We also provided fruit for the local outreach programs.



Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 20, 2003 at 12:30 in the undercroft. We will have a Potluck luncheon followed by a regular business meeting to plan for the year. All women of the Parish are invited to join and participate.

Our next Lions dinner will be on Thursday, January 23, 2003. This will be a celebration of the successful fruit and nut sale just concluded by the Lions.

The Ladies Guild has been busy with the current renovations and fix up of the kitchen facilities in the undercroft. All is not complete but you can use the water, a new hand sink has been installed and the countertop under the window has been replaced by one made of Corian. No activities will be affected by this continuing activity.

Nominating Committee News

The following names have been submitted for consideration for the positions of Senior Warden, Junior Warden and Vestry Members:

Senior Warden:	<i>James Craig</i>
Junior Warden:	<i>George Leigh</i>
Vestry:	
	<i>Sue Davis</i>
	<i>Eric Jansen,</i>
	<i>Arthur Elgin</i>
	<i>Frank McMurtray,</i>
	<i>Herb Grabau</i>
	<i>Jeffrey Taylor</i>

Selection of persons to fill the positions will be held during our Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 2, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. Please plan to attend. See page 6 for biographies on the candidates.

Christmas Day

The weather turned bad Christmas Eve and became worse Christmas morning but it gave us our first White Christmas in a long time. Our organizer, Penny Jansen, had asked me to substitute Christmas Day so she and her family could go on a well-deserved skiing vacation. So I kinda had an obligation to be there. What would I have done without that obligation? Don't ask.

It was tough sledding from Montgomery Village but Diane and I made it. Dr. Pollock was there and we got set up for the 10:00 a.m. service. Another parishioner, Fritz Schneider, arrived and we waited a while for the arrival of David's three daughters. They had been visiting relatives in Bethesda near the District line, were on their way, and made periodic progress reports via cell phone. "We're on Shady Grove Road" and then "we're on Warfield Road" and finally, "we're in the parking lot!"

They had driven from Texas to be home for the holidays so the trip from Bethesda in the snow might have been comparatively easy. They are delightful young ladies full of life and energy and each read Scripture during the service. It was a full service for the seven of us with hymns and prayers and communion and very meaningful.

My thanks for that worship opportunity.
Dave Carvey

Journey to Adulthood (J2A)

The recently confirmed youth have melded into a fun and lively group. They recently took on the challenge of conducting a Sunday morning service and by all accounts did a great job!

We will continue to meet on the second and fourth Sundays in the Parish Life center. Beginning in February we will meet in the evening of the first Sunday of each month for a casual meal, fellowship and interesting, thought provoking conversation - more details to follow.

Sunday School News

The Sunday School had the honor of telling the Christmas Story on December 22nd at the 11:00 service. 150 people witnessed the Christmas Pageant that was followed by a visit from Santa in the Undercroft.

The children did a wonderful job of portraying the Christmas story with a special song from the Junior Choir and a procession of Christmas Animals (donkeys, cows, sheep, giraffe and bald eagle). Mary and the Angel Gabriel performed the Annunciation and then the traditional Pageant began! The carols and the Gospel of St. Luke were especially inspiring because of the tremendous joy seeing our young people participate on this special day.

Many thanks to Judy Elliston, Penny Jansen, Laura Jansen, Mary Grabau, Karen Parker, Jessica Penkert, Vickie Fisher, Heather McMurtry, and Lynn Kelly for their help in making this year's Pageant and visit from Santa a huge success!!! Also thanks to the parents of our Sunday School children for their support and participation!

That same evening Santa also paid a visit to the Betty Ann Kranke center with goodie bags for the children and mothers who are staying there this Christmas

Season. 27 children received gifts and had a picture taken with Santa. Many special thanks to the local outreach committee for their hard work in buying and preparing gifts and their participation in the holiday party. The evening was a huge success with lots of laughter and love being shared. Also, thanks to the people who contributed a wrapped gift for the children to have under their tree for Christmas morning. The congregation contributed over 120 gifts for this special occasion.

We will finish our holiday season with a New Year's Blessings Celebration in the undercroft after the 11:00 service on January 12th. We will have chili and extra special (we are getting them from a new place) 5 foot long subs. The Sunday school will also release their annual blessing balloons. The entire congregation is invited and please bring friends.

It is wonderful that our children have a church that is so supportive of their participation. A special thanks to Rev. Pollock for his special efforts and hearty encouragement for all that we do. It is obvious our children feel very comfortable in participating in these special activities because of the warmth and love given by all.

Your Vestry

Behind the scenes and always active, your Vestry is constantly looking for ways to improve St. Bartholomew's and to keep it running smoothly, and to perform its mission. The full Vestry consists of the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden, nine Vestry members, and the Rector. They are assisted by the Treasurer and the Registrar who may or may not be Vestry members.

The Vestry of an Episcopal church has three main responsibilities. The first two are managerial: to take care of the parish finances and the parish buildings. The third is choose people to fill various positions of leadership. Leadership involves more than representation. It includes learning, educating, informing, and persuading others. It involves working to realize a vision of what the parish could be. It involves change. Leadership is a matter also of prayer and Bible study and nourishing the parish as it seeks to carry out its primary mission in obedience to the Holy Spirit. Leadership is a matter of defining issues, setting agendas, choosing individuals to carry out tasks, and keeping in touch with those to whom work is assigned to see that it is going forward.

As you vote for our Senior and Junior Wardens and three new Vestry persons at the Annual Meeting, consider how their skills in management and leadership will benefit the parish and its mission. Biographies of all candidates are on the following pages.

In 2002 the entire Vestry went to the College of Preachers for a full day retreat on the Cathedral grounds. This gave us a chance to work with the Rev. Dr. Pollock and to get to know each other better. From this we developed a framework for the activities of 2002. In late February the Vestry will hold its third retreat. This will give us the opportunity to review the activities 2002 and to plan the activities for 2003. Those members of the Vestry whose term expire in early February will also participate to maintain continuity.

Nominees for the Vestry -- 2003**Senior Warden: Jim Craig**

My wife Lisa and I joined the St. Bartholomew's Church community in 1992, shortly before the birth of our first daughter, Emma, who was baptized at the church. Our second daughter, Jamie, was also baptized at St. Bartholomew's in 1994. Late in 1994, Lisa and I were transferred to England, where we lived and worked until December 1998. While in England we attended the local Anglican Church near our home in Lee-on-Solent, which is where our youngest daughter, Charlotte, was baptized in 1997. We have been members of St. Bartholomew's since we moved back to the United States.

Professionally, I received a Bachelor of Science degree in information and computer science from Georgia Tech in 1982. I am currently vice president for international programs at Lockheed Martin Air Traffic Management Company, in Rockville, Maryland. I am responsible for Lockheed Martin's air traffic control business outside of the United States. Because of my international work, I have had the opportunity to travel extensively in Europe, Asia, Africa and South America. I have met people from many countries and cultures, and have gained an appreciation for both the similarities and differences between people around the world, and for all the things we are so fortunate to have here.

Lisa and I enjoy the people we have met at St. Bartholomew's. We are especially appreciative of the wonderful Sunday school program that our daughters look forward to every week. We would like to see the Sunday school program continue to grow as it has over the last few years, as well as overall membership growth, with new families in particular. I would like to see the church develop stronger financial resources to enable us to maintain, improve, and expand the physical church property and to increase the good works we are able to perform. In particular, I would like to ensure that we can afford a competitive salary for our current and future rectors so that we can continue the strong leadership that Dr. Pollock has provided.

Junior Warden: George Leigh

George grew up in the Episcopal church in Cleveland, Ohio. After graduating from the Ohio State University with a master's degree in photogrammetry, he was accepted into the NOAA Commissioned Corps. George served 24 years as a commissioned officer, serving on five ships from Alaska to the U.S. Virgin Islands, and in many different parts of the country. The many assignments resulted in the Leigh Family living in 13 different places, and also in active memberships in Episcopal churches in several different cities. George currently

works for NOAA's National Geodetic Survey, managing the technical aspects of contracting for surveying and mapping, including mapping the U.S. coastline for NOAA's nautical charts. Since joining St. Bartholomew's in 1992, George has served one term as a Vestry member and two terms as Junior Warden. As Junior Warden, George has been chair of the Property Committee and the Budget & Finance Committee. Recent accomplishments of the Property Committee include: motion sensor exterior lights on the three main buildings, new sinks in the Church washrooms, and an expanded parking area.

Vestry Person (Vote for three)**Sue Davis**

My name is Sue Davis and I have been attending St. Bartholomew's Church for three years. I am a life-long Episcopalian with a strong traditional background and I would like to see St. Bartholomew's preserve the traditions of the Episcopal Church. At my former church I served on the vestry, was the delegate to Convention, and also served on the Altar Guild.

I reside in Westminster with my husband of 27 years and our two children. I am operations director for HTI, Inc., a medical billing and accounts receivable company.

Arthur C. Elgin, Jr.

I am a life-long Episcopalian and have been a parishioner at St. Bartholomew's for over 25 years. I previously have served two terms on the Vestry and have served on several committees. Currently, I am on the Bequest Committee and the Outreach Committee.

I am an attorney specializing in estate planning and trust and estate administration with the law firm of Jackson & Campbell, P.C., which has offices in Washington and Rockville. I am a graduate of Princeton University and The George Washington University Law School and spent three years as an officer in the Marine Corps.

I am married to Sonja Elgin, who is finishing a term on the Vestry and is a member of the Ladies Guild. We have two children, Darby and Cliff, both of whom are school teachers in Montgomery County.

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Herbert J. Grabau

January 10, 1933 - Born in Newark, N.J. Baptized in, and regularly attended, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Irvington, N.J., (New Jersey Synod). I was confirmed in April 1945.

January 1951 - Graduated from South Side High School.

February 1952-1956 - Served on active duty in the U.S. Navy.

October 27, 1956 - Married Mary Jo-Ann Newman at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, East Orange, N.J.

January 1957-1958 - Attended Seton Hall University, where I majored in accounting.

January 1958 - Accepted a job offer from the Department of Defense (DOD) and moved to Maryland.

During my career with DOD, I attended courses at the University of Maryland, U.S. Navy Material Command, DOD Information Institute. Completed courses in communications, computer science, management of government contracts and middle level management. Attained the position of mid-level manager.

February 8, 1987 - Received into the Episcopal Church by Barry Valentine, Assistant Bishop of Maryland, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Poplar Springs, MD.

Served 2 terms on the Vestry of St. Paul's, served as Junior Warden for 3 terms and also served as Acting Junior Warden in the absence of the Junior Warden. I also served on several committees and ushered at least once per month.

December 1993 - Retired from the U.S. Government with approximately 40 years of service.

Eric W. Jansen

I was born in Canada and grew up in California where I attended Stanislaus State College. I joined Bechtel in 1974 as a field piping engineer on the Syncrude Refinery project in Canada. I have 28 years of engineering experience with over 19 years on field construction assignments on various petrochemical and fossil fuel power generation projects. After working on over 11 job sites in the United States, I moved to Saudi Arabia and supervised the multi-national mechanical engineers on the construction of a five-unit oil fired power and desalination plant. I joined the project controls department 8 years ago as the project scheduler with assignments in China, Australia and Arizona.

Growing up in a large Catholic family and having moved a great deal as an adult, I have had the opportunity to attend many different churches. I feel very comfortable with the liturgy and values of the Episcopal Church. When I first attended St. Bartholomew's with my family I was immediately impressed with the friendliness of the congregation. I liked the family and community atmosphere with a strong children's program and felt this would be a good place to grow with our family.

I have been married to my wife, Penny, for 18 years. Participating in the life of St. Bartholomew's church has been a positive experience for our family for five years. In our spare time, we enjoy skiing, mountain biking, golfing, and playing tennis with our three children, Laura, Alex, and Ellen. I also enjoy participating in the children's soccer, and music activities.

My vision for St. Bartholomew's is that we keep the focus on our greatest assets, the families and individual members of St. Bartholomew's. I want to continue to see that programs are in place that value, respect, and meet the needs of the congregation from spiritual growth to both education and socialization.

As a member of the vestry I will utilize my construction and engineering experience to identify building and grounds maintenance needs and help with the budgeting, scheduling and implementation of church work projects.

Frank McMurtray

Invited to St. Bartholomew's by Joyce Hawkins in 1965. Member since 1966, served on the vestry a number of years ago. Attended 8 o'clock service until grandchildren started to Sunday School.

Important to continue the growth of the Church and it's programs including Sunday School, Choir, J2A and Outreach to the international and local communities.

Family includes wife, Janet, son, Perry, his wife, Heather and grandchildren, Christopher and Amy.

Education includes B.S. from Mississippi State University, Graduate work at Colorado State University and University of Maryland.

President of Gaithersburg Floral Arts, Inc.
Past President of Gaithersburg Rotary Club
Past Chairman of Olde Towne Gaithersburg Professional and Merchants Association.

Jeffrey C. Taylor

Jeffrey C. Taylor has been a member of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church since 1990. He previously served a term on the vestry in 1991. After the death of Father Bonbrest he served on the search committee. He is a 1977 graduate of the Georgetown University Law Center, and is employed by a law firm and title company in Rockville. He resides in Rockville with his son, Paul.

Scheduled Activities

Upcoming Events

1/5/03 Christmas Lessons and Carols — 11:00 a.m.
2/2/02 Special Service and Annual Meeting — 10:00 a.m.

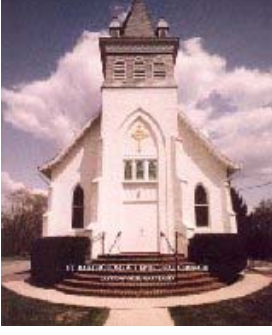
Sunday Schedule

8:00 a.m. The Holy Communion
10:20 a.m.. Youth Choir practice
11:00 a.m. The Holy Communion - first and third Sundays
Morning Prayer - second, fourth and fifth Sundays

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

Regular Weekly Schedule

Mondays 7:30 p.m. Monday Evening Bible Study .
Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study .
11:00 a.m. The Holy Communion
Thursdays 7:00 p.m. Sr. Choir rehearsal



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