

January 2005

You are cordially invited to a brunch in honor of

The Reverends David and Margaret Pollock

on their retirement from St. Bartholomew's

Sunday, January 9, 2005

at 12:15 p.m.

Please RSVP to Deborah Turton

301-482-0675

dturton@peoplepc.com

Donations gladly accepted to help defray costs



**New Years Resolutions
Commitment, and Responsibility**

It's that time of year. By now, you have made whatever resolutions you intend to make and, perhaps, you have already broken some of them. New Years resolutions are fun to make, they pay lip service to those defects or problems that we recognize, and give us something to talk about. They may be about not smoking, or not drinking, or not eating too much. They may be about working harder, or being more polite, or being nice to people. They seldom have a real commitment behind them nor are taken with true responsibility for them.

There are a number of resolutions that I would like to suggest. Resolutions that require commitment. That require the taking of true responsibility. These are commitments to God and to Jesus Christ our Savior. How about a resolution to attend church regularly? To pray daily each morning when you wake up or each evening when you go to bed. To commit to help the needy by supporting an AIDS orphan in Kenya, or a poor family in Laytonsville to get on its feet. To commit a percentage of your salary or income to your church. To serve on the vestry or on a church committee to help the church achieve its objective of serving God.

There are many resolutions you can make that will have a real impact not only on your own feeling of self worth but on those in need financially and/or spiritually. Commit now! Take responsibility to serve!

Harry Bennett

The Rev. Dr. Pollock

The Rev. Dr. Pollock will retire from St. Bartholomew's Church on January 9, 2005. David and Margaret had initially planned to move to Kenya where Margaret was to have been transferred. Their plans have now changed and they will be remaining in Laytonsville. Wherever they end up we thank them both for their service to our parish and wish them well as they move on.



Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, February 6, 2005.

One church service at 10:00 a.m., meeting to follow.



Pastoral Care

If you have the need for pastoral care, please contact the Church office.
(301) 948-8201



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Adult Education Via Media Program

Learn more about your faith with Via Media. This is an educational tool meant to keep members of the Episcopal Church informed about their faith and give seekers the opportunity to learn about the church.

The Via Media group will be starting up again soon. We will let you know when the definite date, time and place are decided. The following are the topics of the five remaining programs in the series.

1. **God and Creation: the abundance of God's goodness**
2. **God The Holy Spirit**
3. **Sin: Roadblocks to Abundant Life**
4. **The Kingdom Come: The Promise of Christian Hope**
5. **What does it mean to be a Christian? What does it mean to participate in the Eucharist?**

We are looking forward to getting together again and having some great discussions



Pledge Campaign Update

Thanks to all who have pledged so far.

Thanks to your generosity we have raised over \$111,000 in pledges so far. We have received a total of \$111,256 in pledges from 61 parishioners and their families. 52 families who pledged in 2004 pledged this year. Of these, 22 increased their pledge, 7 decreased their pledge, 23 pledged the same amount this year as in 2004. Five longer term parishioners pledged for the first time and four new families pledged.

| <u>Pledge Amount</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|----------------------|---------------|----------------|
| \$0-9 per week | 14 | 23% |
| \$10-24 per week | 14 | 23% |
| \$25-49 per week | 18 | 30% |
| \$50-99 per week | 13 | 21% |
| \$100 or more | 2 | 3% |
| <u>per week</u> | | |
| TOTAL | 61 | 100% |

Can you still pledge? Of course! It is not too late. If you have not yet turned in your pledge card or wish to increase your pledge, please notify the office. Thank you for your generosity.

To show our faith and thanksgiving we can return a part of God's gifts to us to help the church carry out its work. Our thanks to everyone for all your efforts and support in this important aspect of Parish life.

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From the Senior Warden

I hope you are all having a wonderful Christmas season!

This new year of 2005 will be an exciting and challenging time for St. Bartholomew's. During 2005, our rector will retire; we will have Supply Priests and then an Interim Priest serving the church; and we will go through the formal process of selecting a new rector for St. Bartholomew's. If you would like to be considered to serve on the New Rector Search Committee, please contact one of the Wardens.

Dr. Pollock's last Sunday will be January 9, 2005. There will be a farewell luncheon for the Pollocks at 12:15 P.M. on that date (see separate article). For Sunday January 16, we will have a Supply priest. The following Sunday, January 23, Canon Nancy Peete will come to St. Bartholomew's for both services. She will explain the process of transitioning to a new rector. From Sunday, January 30, through Easter (March 27) our Supply priest will be The Reverend Perrin Radley, who many will recall served at St. Bartholomew's prior to Dr. Pollock's arrival.

At its last meeting, the Vestry selected an Interim Search Committee made up of myself, Art Elgin (Junior Warden), Bill Fitts (Treasurer), Ann Wasson from the Vestry and Kathy Cousins. We have received the names of five candidates for Interim from Canon Peete. The Interim is to serve until a permanent Rector is selected. I have sent a letter to each of these five requesting information and have already received replies from two of the five. The Interim Search Committee will review this information, conduct interviews, negotiate functions and compensation, and make the selection of the Interim. The Vestry has directed the Committee to negotiate with the prospective Interims regarding their serving in a part-time status, helping to ensure a surplus from the 2005 Budget. We will keep the congregation informed as these several processes develop.

**George Leigh
Senior Warden**



Fellowship

We had a very successful caroling party Sunday, Dec 19th. The weather turned cold just in time to let us really appreciate the hot drinks in the undercroft. We serenaded Laytonsville residents with Christmas carols, and we even took requests! This looks like it's going to be a tradition, and we're looking forward to cold weather and hot drinks next Christmas.



Laura Grimes is back on duty overseas. Anyone wishing to send her a card or letter may use the following address:

**1st Lt. Grimes, Laura 4768
129th Corps Support Battalion, 129 LTF
APO AE 09391**

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Local Outreach Report

The Local Outreach Committee served dinner at the Sophia House on December 8th and 29th. The committee members also shared Christmas festivities with the mothers and children of the Betty Ann Kranke Center on December 16th. Santa and Mrs. Clause (Bill and Ann Fitts) took requests from all of the children — even the teens! They handed out cuddly, soft bears to the children. The committee members distributed toiletries and cosmetics to the mothers and goodie bags to the children.

We will continue to be involved throughout the year at both shelters. An article in the Gazette on December 16th further pointed to the needs at all shelters in Montgomery County. Every shelter is filled over capacity and has been since November 1st. The men's shelter next to Sophia House has 120 men in residence in the building. An additional 20 are housed in a trailer on the property. Sophia House is at capacity also; thirty women are in residence. We wish to thank all the parishioners for the tremendous support in our efforts at the two women's shelters.

Keep "*Thanksgiving in February*" on February 1st in mind when making up your calendar. We expect the list of participating restaurants shortly and then we will pick a restaurant that will be convenient for us.

Thank you again for your support!

Judy Docca



International Outreach

It's been a busy month for the Mirembe Children's Home in Migori, Kenya. Money for the tuition and fees for the 10 girls being sponsored in secondary school in the amount of \$2,999.00 (U. S.) was wired to the Demo's to pay for the term beginning in January. The girls are changing schools, and will be day students at the school where Mary Demo teaches, so they will finally be living at the home during the school term.

Brent Grimes, Stevie Grimes and Les Cannon met with Mother Pollock to learn the facts and procedures for the part of this ministry based here at St. Bartholomew's. One of the facts we learned is that it costs a significant amount of money to wire the money to the Demo's, and we will be looking for ways to reduce that overhead, and apply that money more positively.

Four needs we discussed are:

- 1) electrification – they are using kerosene lanterns for light;
- 2) a computer, for the girls to learn computer skills and communicate more easily with us,
- 3) support for more girls – there is room for 6 more girls in the completed facility, and
- 4) support for education after secondary school.

We welcome others joining us in this ministry, especially for ideas.

Les Cannon

St. Bartholomew's Needs You!!!!

With Rev. Pollock leaving, St. Bartholomew's is entering a critical but exciting phase of its history. IT NEEDS YOUR HELP.

On the 1st Sunday in February, 2005, the Annual Meeting of the parish will be held. At the meeting there will be elections for the Senior and Junior Warden positions and for three positions on the Vestry. This new Vestry, in all likelihood, will be choosing our next rector. Although the process of looking for a new rector will be conducted by the Search Committee, the ultimate decision will be up to the Vestry.

A Nominating Committee of Eric Duffy, Jean Sommerville, Irene Spurge, Judy O'Neil and Frank McMurtray has been chosen to present Vestry and Warden candidates to the parish at the meeting. We need two people to run for each position. We would love to have some volunteers. If you are interested, please contact one of the committee members; or if you are asked by the committee to run, please say yes. It is a great way to serve your church.

The Vestry meets once a month, currently on the third Wednesday. The members are expected to make the meetings if at all possible. While there will be some additional committee meeting, they are not numerous.

Thanks for your consideration.

Art Elgin , Junior Warden



Ladies Guild

The next regularly scheduled meeting and pot luck luncheon of the Guild will be held on Monday, January 17, 2005 at 12:30 PM in the Undercroft of the Church. We will be making our plans for the year and getting ready for the Lions Club dinner on Thursday, January 27, 2005. Anyone who would like to help serve or cook, please let Barbara White know. (301-963-7688)

On December 13th, our Guild made up 16 fruit baskets and then delivered them to the sick and shut-ins of St. Bartholomew's and also to special people who help us at our Church. We remembered the ministers, the administrative assistant, the choir director, the organist, and Mary Grabau from the Sunday School as well as the McMurtrays who donate most of the flowers.

All women of the church are welcome to join us.



Christmas Festival

This year's Christmas Festival was a few weeks ago, and by all accounts was a great success. We wanted to thank all the parishioners who supported our efforts this year, whether that was buying a wreath, selling raffle tickets, making baked goods, filling our silent auction baskets, making ornaments during Sunday School or working at the Festival. It took the efforts of everyone to make the Festival so successful. (The raffle drawing for the Tom Kozar print was won by Louisa Riggs.) We want to specifically thank those people who headed up committees during the Festival: Nancy Harding (Bake Table), Mary Grabau, Karen Parker and Kathy Cousins (White Elephant), Barbara White and Louisa Riggs (Café), Jamie Kaufmann (Silent Auction Baskets), Kathleen Harding (Signs) and Bill Tait (Treasurer). We know you are interested in how much we raised. After expenses, the Festival netted a little more than \$6,000 of which \$2,000 has already been put into the church's General Fund. Sometime in the next few months, we'll determine how the remaining money will be spent. At the current time, we are considering improved lighting for the parking lot or starting a fund to make the church handicapped accessible. Thanks again for all your efforts. We knew the Festival would be a wonderful church community event and were pleased to be able to share this with you. — Sonja Elgin and Morna Golletz



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21611 Laytonsville Rd.
Laytonsville, MD 20882**

Scheduled Activities

Upcoming Events

- Jan. 2** Regular service at 8:00 a.m.
Lessons and Carols at 11:00 a.m.
- Jan. 9** Dr. Pollock's last Sunday. Farewell brunch at 12:15 p.m.
- Jan. 23** Canon Nancy Peete will visit both services. She will explain the process of transitioning to a new rector.
- Feb. 6** Annual Parish Meeting.
One service at 10:00 a.m. — Meeting to follow

Sunday Schedule

- 8:00 a.m.** The Holy Communion
- 10:00 a.m.** Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 a.m.** Junior Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 a.m.** The Holy Communion - first, third and fifth Sundays
Morning Prayer - second and fourth Sundays

Sunday School Activities are held during the 11:00 a.m. service

Nursery Available

J2A meets 2nd & 4th Sundays in the Education Building

Fellowship Coffee Hour follows both Sunday services

Regular Weekly Schedule

Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

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