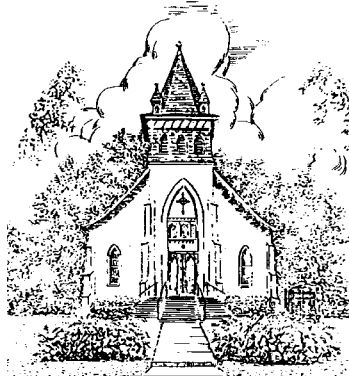


# St. Bartholomew's Beacon

*for members and friends of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church; Laytonsville, Maryland  
July/August 2007*

Dear Friends:

I am happily and eagerly coming your way! As I write this message to you, I am literally "on the move". We are driving from Boston to Stamford, CT, where we stayed with George's brother and his wife, and then we drive to Bethesda, where we have rented an apartment. The moving van is also on its way and some things will be in storage for a year or less as we learn the area and then decide where we will eventually buy a home or condo. George and I are excited about getting to know all of you and learning a new area of the country. We have lots to learn, and we like adventure.



We sold our home in Concord, MA and in an effort to "downsize", we either sold, donated or threw away lots of 'stuff' that we had accumulated over the past several years. E.g. furniture, clothes, dishes, books, and tools that we rarely use. This may sound like hard work, but it wasn't. I can't quite explain how spiritually satisfying this exercise was! It was freeing and simplified our life. I discovered what was really important to me. My family, my ministry and my own spiritual life, interests and hobbies that keep me creative and learning new things about myself and God's world.

Jesus preached in his Sermon on the Mount according to the gospel of Matthew, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." I really took that to heart when I accepted the call to serve as your rector and move to the DC area. I know what brings me joy and how to bring joy to others. I know that we will also have fun together! St. Bart's is a wonderful parish of interesting and faithful people committed to caring for each other and those beyond the membership of the Church. I look forward to leading worship and leading the congregation's ministry for many years to come. Thank you for calling me to serve with you, and for welcoming me into your community. See you on Sunday, July 8 at 10 am.

Fondly, Carol

## St. Bartholomew's Mission

**To Proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit to a diverse community gathering in Laytonsville.**

### How We Accomplish This

- Practicing hospitality to newcomers
- Providing fellowship & pastoral care
- Encouraging education & growth for all ages
- Providing inspiring Episcopal worship
- Serving the world in Christ's name
- Valuing our traditions and looking to the future

### Our Vision

With the guidance of the Holy Spirit and leadership of our Rector, we will continually grow as individuals and community in the knowledge and love of the Lord.

### Leadership to Achieve This

Ministers	The Congregation
Bishop	The Rt. Rev. John Bryson Chane

Rector	Dr. Carol M. Flett
Sr. Warden	Bill Fitts
Jr. Warden	Deborah Turton
Treasurer	Tim Smith
Registrar	Kathy Little

#### Vestry Members:

Tim Smith	Jeff Taylor
Evelinda Torres	John Kaufmann
Judy O'Neil	Lonnie Pera
Jeff Bergsten	Charley Hendricks
Jean Sommerville	

Organist	Marilyn Carollo
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Sunday School Coordinator	Ann Fitts
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Webmaster	Harry Bennett
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## Senior Warden Letter – Bill Fitts

We've been very busy at St. Bartholomew's this past month. The rummage sale was a big success raising nearly \$2000 for our local and international outreach programs. I want to thank all of you who came to help and endured the heat. We had it in front of the education building and it is a great place for a sale but there is no shade to be found. Also I want to thank all of you who contributed to the sale. We had a lot of great stuff to sell.

We had a large turnout for the Father's Day picnic. The food was great and once again the fathers were victorious in the fathers vs. the youth basketball game. Rock on Dads!

Preparations are underway for the arrival of Reverend Flett. Based on a recommendation from the transition committee, the Vestry has decided to have a combined service at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday, July 8. Therefore, the 8:00 A.M. service will not be conducted. A reception and brunch will follow the combined service.

I think that it is important that as many parishioners as possible be there for Reverend Flett's first service and I ask you to make a special effort to attend. I'm sure this will be the beginning of many good things for St. Bartholomew's.

Also we will have a special work day on June, 30 beginning at 8:30 A.M. to clean up the grounds and buildings so things will look their best when Reverend Flett arrives. Please join us in this productive fellowship event.

Now some bad news, our Administrative assistant Judith Schneider has decided to take a new full-time position elsewhere. This is a very good move for Judith and Maggie and I am happy for them, as I'm sure you are also. Even though she won't be working in the church office any longer, Judith and Maggie will continue to attend St. Bartholomew's so it is not a good-bye. We will adjust, but it won't be easy. Judith's new job begins on July 23 and she has graciously agreed to work until then to help Reverend Flett get adjusted. Her last day in the office will be July 20. Take time to wish her well.

Also our Organist (Marylyn Carollo) has decided to retire at the end of August. I'm convinced that keeping her occupied is the only thing that keeps her out of trouble. But she has decided to retire anyway. I think that the challenge of dealing with the tenors in the choir became too much. She plans on traveling and visiting with family. We wish her bon voyage and look forward to seeing her in the fall.

## Stewardship – Jeff Bergsten Five Myths of Stewardship



Now that we're well past April Fools' Day, it's time to clear up any lingering misconceptions...

*Stewardship is only about giving money*

We've heard that stewardship is the giving of time, talent, and treasure. The time and talent components are equally as precious to the church. Each of us has a gift from God, to share with others in our community.

*My small pledge won't make a difference*

Any pledge is significant. The church can combine pledges of varying amounts to fund everything from flowers to furniture.

*All offerings must go into the plate*

Of course you can mail your check to St. Bart's as well. But you can also contribute used goods to the rummage sale, crafts to the Christmas Festival, toiletries to the Krahnke Center, and foodstuffs to a drive for the underprivileged. And we're all grateful for the enticing food provided at the coffee hour!

*I can't give less than I did last year*

This may happen when financial difficulties or other issues arise. We ask that you let the church know, so the budget can be adjusted if necessary. And a reduced pledge is better than none at all.

*I don't have a say in how my contribution is spent*

You may make a special gift, where you designate an offering to a ministry or for purchase of a specific item (no flugel horns, please). This may be in the form of cash or securities, and would be in addition to your annual pledge. Also, the Parish Life Center has information on planned giving.

## Christmas Festival

*Sonja Elgin and Morna Golletz*

Both the day and evening Festival crafts groups have been busy. The day group is taking July off, but will be back on schedule on Aug 14. The day group will be painting flower pots and doing hand sewing to finish up some projects. The evening group is meeting July 24 and will make snowman ornaments. They will take August off. Remember that special skills are not needed; just enthusiasm and a willingness to learn and work. So join us. And, if you have questions, contact Morna (301-482-2345) or Sonja (301-869-8332) about the day group or Nancy Willett (301-253-2673) about the evening group.

The Festival encompasses a variety of activities and ways for parishioners to get involved. Here's some of what's coming up:

*Wreath Sales.* The pre-order forms will be available on the Web site and at the church by the end of August. Dana Burton will handle sales.

*Hot Chocolate and Coffee.* The pre-order forms will be available on the Web site and at the church by the end of August. Robin Horton will handle sales.

*White Elephant Sale.* If you didn't get to cleaning out your home for the Church rummage sale in May, save the items for this popular event. If you have questions, call Karen Parker.

*Silent Auction Baskets.* We'll have some changes to this popular activity and Jamie will announce the themes in September.

*Bake Table.* Summer is the perfect time to start baking, especially if your garden is exploding with produce. If you can bake ahead, but don't have a freezer, we have freezers ready. Summer is also a great time to can jams, jellies or pickles for the Festival Bake Table. If you have questions, call Nancy Harding. **Note:** We need to be in compliance with the county Department of Health and Human Services requirements. You must provide us with a list of ingredients that went into your baked goods. We don't need the actual recipe, just a list of ingredients. And, if you use a mix, just provide the name of the mix. Additionally, we cannot offer for sale any items made with cream fillings.

We'll be in full swing come September, so look for a complete update then.

### **New Women's Group** *Jean Sommerville*

Our second meeting on June 3rd featured a discussion, directed by Jessica Penkert, on finding and accepting God's will. It was an inspiring meeting covering issues of loss, acceptance, and dealing with adversity in our lives, helped by friends and God's support. I think that everyone appreciated Jessica's sharing and the heartfelt contributions of all who attended.

If anyone would like to study the verses that began the discussion here are a few of them: Proverbs 16: 3, 9; Luke 12: 22-31; and 1 Thessalonians 5: 14-18.

At the next meeting, Deborah Turton will lead a discussion about inequalities in access to training based on a series of meetings about the status of women. Called the Beijing Platform for Action it uses the story of Mary and Martha in the Bible as a basis for asking questions about women's status.

See

<http://episcopalchurch.org/documents/WMInequalityInEducation.pdf> for more.

All women of the parish are invited to join us on Tuesday, July 3, 6:16-7:45 p.m. in the Education Building at St. Bartholomew's. If your last name begins with A-L, please bring a dessert; those with last names beginning with M-Z please bring an appetizer. Deborah Turton will bring drinks.

### **The Ladies Guild**

The Ladies Guild completed a very successful Azalea sale this spring. The profit will be around \$3000. We are looking forward to the introduction of our new Rector, Carole Fleck, who will arrive on July 8. However, we have all enjoyed seeing the Reverend Radley again. His sermons are great. We continue to serve the Lions at their June 28th dinner and we had a very good Guild meeting with 14 present in June.

### **Local Outreach – Tim Smith**

We were able to sponsor a camper for this summer at the Carol Jean Cancer Foundation Camp Friendship ([www.cjcf4kids.org](http://www.cjcf4kids.org)). I spoke with the founder Beverly, who told me definitely people were welcome to come visit the camp, serve a meal, and hang out a bit. She only asked that we call ahead of time to schedule it. The camp is July 9-12 and August 6-9. They serve lunch around 12:30 and dinner near 6:00pm. She encourages us to show up early and look around. I'll probably go visit in July.

The now Annual Outreach Yard/Rummage sale was a big success due in no small part to the quality of the really, really nice donations and our stalwart volunteers. We had advance help from Deborah Turton and Les Cannon to receive items. The long day of the sale: Bill Fitts, Jeff Taylor, Nancy Willet, Fanca Kimmel, Kathy Cousins, Les Cannon, Ethel Ollivierre, Judith Schneider, and Tim Smith moved a lot of merchandise in the hot sun.

Especially welcome were the "Free like God's love" beverages. We were able to raise over \$2,000 total for St. Bartholomew's outreach programs.

We are getting dates for Sophia House and hope to serve the ladies there two or three times this summer – late July and early August. Sophia House is a transitional housing facility in Rockville. We get to serve dinner and provide a breakfast. It's really a good time interacting with the ladies and families are welcome. Keep an eye out for dates in the weekly service bulletin.

## International Outreach

St. Bartholomew's parishioner Diane Carvey recently received a letter of appreciation and thanks from Judith Sirongo, one of the girls currently living in the Mirembe orphanage in Kenya. Diane has been helping support Judith through St. Bartholomew's International Outreach program which helps provide educational and living expenses for the girls of Mirembe.

Diane has been paying more than half of Judith's yearly nursing school tuition and expenses since 2004. In her letter to Diane, Judith reports she is "doing well with my education and it's really amazing being in the hospital environment where I used to dream of being one day. It's interesting being in this career. I do believe that God has called me to serve His people through my profession."

Judith goes on to express her gratefulness to Diane and says "finding a friend with such a great heart is surely God's miracle. Thank you so much for your kind heart." She also included a picture of herself tending to a hospital patient as well as documentation of her course work. Judith says the document certifies that her nursing course of study "is recognized by our country Kenya and the entire world such that after my completion I can serve patients anywhere."

Father Sosiness Demo, who along with his wife Mary founded Mirembe, included a note with Judith's letter. He reports that "Judith was number one in her class at the end of the semester." Fr. Demo expressed his thanks "for all good things you have done for Judy. After college she will serve the Kenyan people as a nurse. We thank God for you."

In a recent phone conversation Fr. Demo reports that another Mirembe girl, Hellen Oyondi, has been accepted into nursing school and that he is currently seeking the additional funds necessary to enroll her. He says that several of the Mirembe girls are on the threshold of high school graduation and face the exciting but challenging prospect of continuing their education. He says that a college degree in Kenya is virtually a necessity for young women who want to make a good life for themselves. Fr. Demo asks that his friends at St. Bartholomew's "pray hard for us now as we try to meet these new challenges."

Parishioners who would like to help Fr. Demo and the girls of Mirembe may do so by contributing to Mirembe on an as-needed/as-able basis, or by pledging to support one or more of the girls on a regular basis, sponsoring either all or a portion of a

girl's living and educational expenses. For complete details, contact Brent or Stevie Grimes.

## A Special Day for St. Bartholomew's

*Jean Sommerville*

As I write this in June we have two weeks before the arrival of a special day in our church. On July 8th we'll welcome our new rector, Dr. Carol Flett, at a 10 a.m. service to be followed by a celebratory reception. Afterwards a group of 27 parishioners, including Carol and her husband George, will attend the matinee performance of *Godspell* at Olney Theatre Center. In advance I want to thank everyone for joining in to welcome her at the reception and at the play as the new shepherd of our flock! It promised to be a fun and happy occasion for all of us. We definitely look forward to her arrival and are excited about the coming year.

## A Few notes from the organ bench

*Marilyn Carollo*

To the congregation of St. Bartholomew's, a generous "thank you" for allowing me to serve as your organist for the past 4-1/2 years. It has been a privilege to serve you and your clergy. I also want to extend a heartfelt "thank you" to every member of the choir for their selfless service. Their contribution to the worship has been greatly valued, and their individual friendship will remain with me. Please remember me in your prayers, as I remember you.

Again--thank you.

## Sunday School News

We had our last Sunday School Session on Father's Day, June 17. We recognized our Sunday School children on June 10 with a small graduation gift that emphasized how they are all very special, unique, and loved by God in all that they do.

We want to thank the Sunday School parents of for bringing their children to church on a regular basis. We also want to thank our dedicated teaching staff of Karen Parker, Jean Sommerville, Mary Grabau, Jessica Penkert and Jamie Kaufmann. They provide lessons, projects, snacks and much love to the children of St. Bartholomew's church.

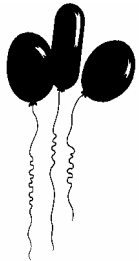
During the summer, Lauren Fisher, Maggie Schneider and Lauren Bray have agreed to lead our kids in fellowship activities during the 10:00 service. A signup sheet will be available for parents to bring snacks and also offer some additional adult supervision. Please try to sign up for at least one Sunday during the summer.

We hope everyone has a great summer and we look forward to the new year in the Fall.

**Audit Committee – Lonnie Pera**

St. Bartholomew's Audit Committee presented the Church records to the auditor on June 7, 2007. The records include financial statements, bank records, checks, invoices, and other pertinent documents relating to (a) the Church funds (including the General Fund, the Special Gifts Fund and the International Outreach Fund), (b) the Memorial

Fund, and (c) the Ladies Guild. The auditor generally takes one to two months to review the records. As in the past, the Audit Committee expects to receive questions from the auditor in mid July. Once all questions are resolved, the auditor will prepare the final report. The auditor generally issues the final report sometime in August.



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July / August Birthdays

David Spaans	July 1	Richard Seid	August 1
Deborah Turton	July 1	Darby Elgin	August 6
Heather Keppler	July 2	Ken Parker	August 6
William Tait	July 3	Fred Augustin	August 7
Deborah Howard	July 4	Art Elgin	August 10
Maxine Howard	July 4	Allison Parker	August 15
Tyler Barberi	July 8	Jean Sommerville	August 15
Gwendolyn Cannon	July 8	Meredith Smith	August 19
Mark Pera	July 8	Emily Hager	August 27
David Reynolds	July 8	Linda Mutziger	August 27
Nancy Harding	July 13	Rand Golletz	August 29
Mary Smith	July 15		
Mallory Kimmel	July 16		
Krystal Augustin	July 17		
Douglas Wasson	July 21		
Rob Glasby	July 22		
Morna Golletz	July 23		


# Worship Schedule and Notes

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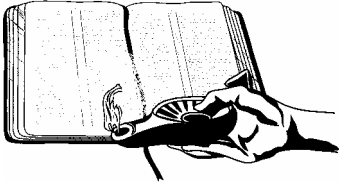
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10:00am service: Holy Eucharist, Rite I and Rite II on alternating Sundays  
Vacation Bible School takes place during the 10am service.

## Upcoming Events

- July 5 Dr. Carol M. Flett arrives as our New Rector. We welcome her to St. Bartholomew's!  
July 3 Ladies' Night Out, 6:15pm, Education Building  
July 8 **One service at 10am**, followed by reception for The Rev. Dr. Carol Flett.   
Fellowship activity: Olney Theatre's *Godspell*, 1:30pm  
July 16 Ladies' Guild Meeting  
July 24 Evening Festival Work Group, 6:30-8:30pm  
Aug. 7 Ladies' Night Out, 6:15pm, Education Building  
Aug. 8 Vestry Meeting  
Aug. 14 Festival Work Day, 10am, undercroft

## Special Prayers *For Those in Need*



*Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your servants, and give your power of healing and care to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### Sick/Need

Sal Carollo  
Michael McGhee  
Rob Schaaf  
Erin Shaw  
Margaret Louie  
Eva Valenzuela  
Ian Dall  
Leila Moran  
Christopher Yen  
Larry Tarasek  
David Flynn

David Davis  
John Parker  
Rachel Penkert  
Hannah Penkert  
Olivia Delore  
Jingle McEver  
Dorothy Grimes  
Leonard Palmer

### Died

Dorothy Grimes

### Those Serving Overseas

Nicholas Lynch  
Jeffrey Stromberg  
Rick Metrey

### Outreach

Recipients of our outreach ministries, especially our girls of the Mirembe orphanage.

### Married

Jeff Taylor & Jane Smigocki were wed June 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
Best Wishes!

### NOTICE:

*If you want to add a name on our prayer list, please contact the church office 301-948-8201.*

*Thank you!*

## Pastoral Visits & Care

For pastoral visits and care, please contact the church office.

For emergencies outside office hours, call our Senior Warden: (301) 252-1759.

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## July/August Events


*July/August: Summer schedule in effect with services at 8 & 10am*

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