

St. Bartholomew's Beacon

The Reverend Dr. Carol M. Flett

Our Mission

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

In order to fulfill our vision of St. Bart's, we strive to

- offer worship services that honor the rich Episcopal tradition of liturgy and music.
- be a united and inviting community where youth and adults know they are accepted.
- provide an open atmosphere where we can explore our Christian faith and its meaning in our lives.
- develop a program for children and youth that is appealing and relevant to their lives
- strengthen our connection with the diocese and the Episcopal Church.
- look beyond ourselves for opportunities to do God's work in the world.

Leadership to achieve this:

- Ministers**.....The Congregation
BishopThe Rt Rev. John Bryson Chane
Rector .The Rev. Dr. Carol M. Flett
Sr. Warden.....Art Elgin
Jr. Warden.....Meredith Smith
Treasurer.....Tim Smith
Registrar.....Charles Hendricks
Vestry Members:
 Dorothy Tessier Evelinda Torres
 Ethel Ollivierre Morna Golletz
 Charley Hendricks Louisa Riggs
 Marilyn Carollo Brent Grimes
 Jane Williams
- Music Dir/Organist:** Lauren Fisher
Sunday School Coordinator: Franca Kimmel
Admin Assistant: Katie Glensor
Newsletter Editor: Joanne Frazier
Webmaster: Harry Bennett

Church Office Hours

Wednesday to Friday 10 am to 3 pm
*Priest available by appointment
 Wednesday or Thursday*

Dear Friends:

This year's Wednesday evening Lenten program has been discussing The Forgiveness Book, by the Rev. Bob Libby, an Episcopal priest from Florida. I have effectively used this book for Lenten discussions in the past and am pleased with how many parishioners have responded to the book. It is an inspiring book filled with true stories of how faithful people experienced forgiveness, either granting it or accepting it. Since the book is out of print, I had photocopies made for our use, and several people took a copy for themselves or for a friend. If more copies are needed, let me know, because everyone needs to spend a little time considering forgiving someone or praying that someone or God forgives them for what they have done or left undone. Our unwillingness to forgive or to accept that we are forgiven is one of the stumbling blocks in our relationship with others and with God. We are especially encouraged in Lent to "repent" = to turn our lives around, which includes forgiving others, and asking to be forgiven. Forgiveness is so fundamental to Christian faith and life that it should be practiced all year long. Why? Because we are to imitate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray and to ask God to "Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us", and who offered himself as a sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sins. At the Last Supper, Jesus said, "This is my blood of the new Covenant which is shed for you, and for all, for the forgiveness of sins." Our willingness to live a forgiven life and to forgive others is what makes us "Christian". Rather than judging one another or pointing out the faults of others, we should all take a good look at our own speech and behaviors and hear Jesus' words: "first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye". Be as forgiving of others as God has been forgiving of you. Then Easter Day will have new meaning and celebration for you. If you ever need to meet with me to talk about your struggle to forgive or to be forgiven, please call me. The following poem captures the experience of one man who learned to forgive.

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Forgiveness, by John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892) Quaker poet from Massachusetts

*My heart was heavy, for its trust had been
Abused, its kindness answered with foul wrong;
So, turning gloomily from my fellow-men,
One summer Sabbath day I strolled among
The green mounds of the village burial-place;
Where, pondering how all human love and hate
Find one sad level; and how, soon or late,
Wronged and wrongdoer, each with meekened face
And cold hands folded over a still heart,
Pass the green threshold of our common grave,
Whither all footsteps tend, whence none depart,
Awed for myself, and pitying my race,
Our common sorrow, like a mighty wave,
Swept all my pride away, and trembling I forgave!*

Faithfully yours in Christ, Carol

Senior Warden's Message – Art Elgin

In my letter last month I mentioned being passionate and committed about our faith and St. Bartholomew's. Perhaps a better way of expressing it would be—"being excited about our faith and St. Bartholomew's." I know I am excited.

Carol and the Vestry just held what I considered to be a wonderful retreat. I believe that in addition to the fellowship we enjoyed, we all left feeling good about the future of St. Bartholomew's and with a belief that we can build on these feelings to create a real sense of excitement in the congregation, spiritually and just enjoyably.

I believe the key to having excitement within the congregation is participation. I am not talking necessarily about being on committees or helping with the worship services, although that always is appreciated. I am thinking more about attending and enjoying the many things going on at St. Bartholomew's now and in the future. Plan on joining us.

First and foremost are the Wednesday Lenten Services. If you have not attended one "try it." I

believe you will find it very spiritually rewarding and a wonderful way to prepare for Good Friday and the joys of Easter. A number of the people who attend the services are not members of St. Bartholomew's or even Episcopalians. Many other Christian denominations do not have the tradition of Wednesday night Lenten services, but their members like the experience. So, come and bring friends.

In addition, in the evening of the first Tuesday of every month we are continuing to hold our Community Forums. The programs have been excellent. It is another opportunity to bring friends for an interesting and enlightening evening. As the old advertisement goes: "Try it, you'll like it."

Even sooner, we are going to have a lot of fun. On Mar. 19th at 7 pm in the Undercroft we are having the 2nd annual Fun Night sponsored by the Ladies Guild and featuring basket bingo. Anyone who attended last year will tell you that it will be a very entertaining evening with many people from the Laytonville community joining us. Bring your family and friends, and I guarantee you will have a good time.

For the athletically inclined, on April 25th, 12:30-2:30 pm we are having a rock climb for our youth, but adults are welcome. Make it an exciting day at St. Bartholomew's with the rock climb and the Choir festival.

On April 25th, 5-7 pm, Lauren Fisher and the choir are planning what sounds to be a terrific Choir Festival with different choirs participating. Fellowship and food will follow. Mark your calendar. It promises to be very exciting.

It is not too early to be thinking about the Ladies Guild Azalea Sale. It will start around the 1st of May (depending on the weather). You do not have to be a member of the Ladies Guild to help out. I know from experience that it is wonderful fellowship and fun to help out. Besides, after our snows of this year, many people will need new bushes as well as the other flowers being sold. As you may have guessed, the theme for the letter is participate and you will get excited about St. Bartholomew's. Excitement is contagious and

leads others in becoming interested in St Bartholomew's and to a greater closeness to our Lord.

Before closing, I want to express my appreciation to the many members of our parish who attended the lovely funeral service for Morris Carter at Goshen United Methodist Church.

Junior Warden --*Meredith Smith*

Mark Stokes has started as our new cleaning person. He has completed a restorative cleaning of all three buildings. This includes dusting all of the walls and the lights, cleaning the doors and the pews, and etc in the church. He has also worked on both the Parish Office building and the Parish Life Center. The Undercroft floor will be cleaned by the end of the month. Most of the Christmas Festival "treasures" have been packed up but not all and the boxes are still in the Parish Life Center. Where do these go and who is responsible for putting them there?

We are weathering the snow rather well but there will always be repercussions when our area has this much snow. So far we just have a gutter hanging loose that I know of. We have put mats in the church entrance and at all of the church back doors. Please be sure you completely wipe off your footwear especially when the ice melt is being used. There are a few places on the church carpet where you can see that dirt and salt have been ground into the carpet. Also ice melt is provided in the orange buckets at the front and the back of the church. If you are one of the first to arrive at church and it needs to be spread please go ahead and spread it. There is a cup in each bucket.

Please don't hesitate to let me know if you see something property wise that needs to be taken care of. I will do my best to resolve the situation or find someone who can but I need to be told because I only have 2 eyes and sadly they do not see everything.

Fellowship Committee – *Jean Sommerville*

There are just a few spaces open for the **Youth Rock Climbing** outing Sunday, April 25, 12:30 - 2:30 pm (ages 9 and up.) Adults may sign up as well, for a maximum of 20 climbers. We'll have our own climbing area for two hours with two instructors, and with equipment and instruction included. Wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes (sneakers work well). We'll provide snacks and drinks for hungry climbers and their families. Come to church prepared to head over to Earth Treks afterwards, and have fun!

If you have questions, call Jean Sommerville at 301-924-0128 or email wilbursfriend@aol.com. It's first-come, first served. Jean will provide Earth Treks the final count on April 7.

Local Outreach – *Tim Smith*

Eighteen members of Saint Bartholomew's dined at the Golden Bull for Thanksgiving in February. This has become a traditional event for us to participate in as a chance to fellowship together and help those in the community. Thanksgiving in February is sponsored by Interfaith Works and a portion of the evenings proceeds go to local hunger relief organizations. Save the date for next year – 4th Tuesday in February.

The shelter dinner dates we were offered were lunches during Holy Week and dinners in July. The Committee is still coming up with selection. We've yet to have a planning meeting for the year. So the good news is you haven't missed it. If you're interested or have an idea contact a committee member and join us.

International Outreach – *Brent Grimes*

Father Demo reports that he is recovering from "a rather serious illness during which I suffered from malaria and typhoid fever" simultaneously. He said the illnesses required him to be hospitalized for 10 days in mid-January, but "Thanks be to God" he is making a slow but steady recovery now that he has returned home. His wife, Mary,

confirmed her husband's progress. "He is at last laughing. He has such a wonderful laugh and it is so good to hear it ringing through the house again."

The Mirembe girls have all begun school. Father Demo says they are all doing well, but that now that they are in college and university their living and transportation expenses have escalated right along with their college tuitions and fees. Although he is somewhat consumed by efforts to raise the necessary funds to house and educate the girls, he continues to proclaim that "God will help us. He always does." He also expressed his on-going love and appreciation to "all our dear brothers and sisters of St. Bartholomew's. God bless you all for all you have done for the girls of Mirembe."

Parishioners interested in helping to support Mirembe through a special contribution or on a regular and on-going basis, please contact Brent Grimes at 301-972-3072.

Evangelism Committee – Morna Golletz

The Evangelism Committee is looking forward to a special Choir Festival event planned for April 25 and it is being coordinated by Ethel and Lauren. Choirs from area churches are invited.

If you have any questions, comments, want to help out at TAB events, or want to join the committee, see one of the members. Members are Morna Golletz, Gary Yates, Charley Hendricks, Frank Dall, Nancy Willett, Ethel Ollivierre, Mary Grabau and Dana Burton.

Ladies Guild – Nancy Willet

The next *Ladies Guild meeting* will be held on Monday March 15 at 12 o'clock in the undercroft. We will finalize arrangements for the upcoming Fun Night on March 19. Please bring all baskets and monies for tickets to this meeting. Don't forget desserts are needed for Fun Night also, & should be brought to the kitchen by 6:30 on Friday evening.

The 2nd Ladies Guild *Fun Night* is being held on Friday March 19 at 7pm in the undercroft. Tickets are \$15 for a book of bingo games, a dessert and

drink of your choice. Locally handmade baskets are featured prizes again this year as well as specialty door prizes and lots of fun! See a Guild member or call Jean Spaans at 301- 363-8938 for tickets. (Tickets must be purchased in advance)

The April meeting has been changed to Monday April 12 (please mark your calendar for the new date). The *Annual Azalea and Flower Sale* will be discussed. For more information about either meeting call Nancy at 301-253-2673. All Ladies are invited to join us!

Adult Education – March & April

Sunday morning Bible Study continues with *David and the Psalms*, at 9:15 am in the Office. Join anytime. Bring a Bible.

Wed. evening Bible Study resumes Wed. April 14 & 21, 7- 8:30 pm, *St. Paul's Letter to the Romans*, meets in the Office. Join anytime. Bring a Bible.

Book Discussion on Wed. April 7, 7:30 - 9 pm, *Same Kind of Different As Me: A Modern-Day Slave, an International Art Dealer, and the Unlikely Woman Who Bound Them Together* by Ron Hall, Denver Moore, and Lynn Vincent (Paperback \$10.19 from Amazon.com) Come to the discussion and share your thoughts on the issues raised in the book. *Same Kind of Different as Me*, a book that is factual but could just as easily be fiction, tells the unlikely story of the unlikelyst of friends--Ron Hall and Denver Moore. Order the book through the Amazon.com icon on our website www.saintbartholomews.org.

Book discussion for Sunday morning, May 9th at 9 am - *Reading Jesus: A Writer's Encounter with the Gospels* by Mary Gordon (Hardcover - \$16.47 from Amazon.com) Order the book through the Amazon.com icon on our website www.saintbartholomews.org. Gordon tackles the power and puzzle of the Christian gospels with measure and imagination, providing welcome relief for those left cold by scholarly or fundamentalist parsing. Raised Catholic, she writes as a layperson and cradle believer thrilled and troubled by these history-shaping texts, unafraid to articulate questions.

Worship News

Palm Sunday, March 28 - one service at 9:30 am.

Since it is difficult to provide the full experience of Palm Sunday at the 8 am service without a Palm procession and the reading of the Passion narrative, we will have one service at 9:30 am so we can experience it as a parish.

We will gather outside at 9:20 am, weather permitting, for the first part of the service: the Palm Gospel reading and blessing of the Palms. Then we will process into the church singing, "All Glory, Laud and Honor" from inserts provided. After we are all seated inside, we will hear the biblical lessons, sermon and prayers. We will celebrate Holy Communion together, and sit to listen to the Passion narrative, read by several parishioners. The service ends in silence as we go out into Holy Week. If weather does not permit us to gather outside, we will begin inside.

Maundy Thursday, April 1, 7 pm - Holy Communion and sermon, followed by the stripping of the altar and darkening of the sanctuary.

The evening program will begin with a Middle Eastern Supper in the Undercroft at 6 pm.

Please sign up to bring one of the following items: roast lamb, sliced; pita bread and hummus; Kalamata olives and Feta cheese; Israeli salad (chopped tomatoes, cucumbers, red onion & parsley in vinegar/olive oil); 12 hard boiled eggs, 2 jars of red horseradish and bunch of fresh parsley; red wine; Carol will bring the Charoset (Passover apple, walnut, wine mixture); no dessert; grape juice for kids. Please sign up so we know how many tables and set ups needed.

Good Friday, April 2, 12 Noon & 7 pm

Traditional Good Friday Liturgy from the Book of Common Prayer, with 2 hymns. Communion from the Reserved Sacrament from Maundy Thursday service.

Easter Day, April 4

8 am - Holy Communion Rite I with sermon & 2 hymns

10:30 am - Holy Communion Rite II with sermon, 4 hymns & Choir

PLEASE SEND REQUESTS FOR EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS TO THE OFFICE BY SUN. MARCH 28. INCLUDE NAMES OF THOSE TO BE REMEMBERED

New/Ongoing Committee Chairs *Appointed by the Vestry*

At the February 18 Vestry meeting, the chairs of Standing Committees and Special Committees were appointed as required by the current parish By-Laws. Standing Committees require a Vestry person to Chair. A non-Vestry member may serve as Chair with the approval of 8 Vestry members. Special committees are those not required by current By-Laws.

Standing Committees

Fellowship Activities - Jean Sommerville

Building Fund - Art Elgin

Budget & Finance - chairperson position, (NYF)

Stewardship - Gary Yates continues for 2010

Property Projects - Nancy Harding continues 2010

Legal Committee - Jeff Taylor

Audit Committee - Evelinda Torres

Music Committee - Marilyn Carollo; (Organist and Rector choose the hymns & service music)

Memorial Fund - Louisa Riggs, Barbara White continues as Treasurer for 2010

Historian, Archivist - Jane Williams

Registrar - Charles Hendricks

Special committees:

Evangelism - Morna Golletz continues for 2010

Worship Advisory- 8 am Meredith Smith; 10:30 am Marilyn Carollo continue for 2010

Christian Formation:

Sunday School - Franca Kimmel

Youth Activities- Bill Fitts

Adult: Carol Flett

Handicap Access - chairperson position, (NYF)

10:30 am Coffee Hour - Dana Burton

Appointment of committees requested by parish at the Annual Meeting on 1/31/10:

Bicentennial Celebration Committee for the 2012 events - Charles Hendricks

Fundraising committee - Marilyn Carollo

MARCH 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:15 AM Adult Program 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II	1	2	3 7:00 PM Lenten Service 7:45 PM Lenten Program	4 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	5	6
7 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:15 AM Adult Program 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II FAMILY SERVICE 12:00 PM Fundraising Committee Meeting 12:00 PM Youth Leader Discussion	8	9	10 7:00 PM Lenten Service 7:45 PM Lenten Program	11 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	12	13
14  Time Change Sunday 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:15 AM Adult Program 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II	15 12:00 Ladies Guild Luncheon	16	17 7:00 PM Lenten Service 7:45 PM Lenten Program	18 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting	19 7:00 PM Family Fun Night	20  FIRST DAY of Spring
21 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:15 AM Adult Program 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II	22	23	24 7:00 PM Lenten Service 7:45 PM Lenten Program	25 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	26	27
28  9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II	29 Holy Week	30 Holy Week	31 Holy Week No Evening Service or Program	1  6:00 PM Middle Eastern Supper 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service	2  12:00 PM Good Friday Service 7:00 PM Good Friday Service	3

Reminder to “SPRING FORWARD” 1 hour
before you go to sleep on Sat. March 13th -- when
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS! Remember to
be on time for Church the next morning, Sunday,
March 14th.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Lousia Riggs	March 2	Jean Spaans	March 18
Kathy Cousins	March 9	Richelle Vincent	March 23
Paige Bennett	March 12	Ann Fitts	March 27
Karen Parker	March 12	Sarah Penkert	March 27
Charley White	March 13	Al Wasson	March 27
Wade Henderson	March 18	Ann Hendricks	March 31

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.

Please remember these people in your prayers:

Those who are ill:

Rob Schaaf (per D.Howard 5/6/07)

Erinn Shaw (per M.Carollo 11/4/07)

Eva Valenzuela (per Carmen 11/4/07)

Charlie White (5/7/08)

Jan Parker (Kathy Cousins 8/27/08)

Harry McKeehan (S.Henderson's father 9/25/08)

Julia Hope (Stevie Grimes, 10/22/08)

Ruth Davis (11/12/08)

Gertrude Flett (12/17/08)

Margaret Ard (J.McMurtray sister in law 1/28/09)

Mary Grabau (1/28/09)

Paula Hoffman (Joanne Frazier's sister 2/09)

Stella Miaoulis (J.Frazier's mother 2/09)

Bonnie Merkle (J. Penkert 7/1/09)

Jan Wilner (Mark's Aunt 8/23/09)

Jessica Penkert (8/23/09)

Carlos Perez-Reyes (Karen Parker 9/18/09)

Jenny (Evelinda Torres 10/09)

Hannah Tejada (Frank Dall 10/09)

Marlon Tres (Frank Dall 10/09)

Hannah Penkert (11/09)

Michelle Sullivan (JMcMurtray 12/2/09)

Christine MacLean (Averil Nicewarner 12/6/09)

Betty Eastman (K.Cousins 12/17/09)

Steve Abrams (Judy Docca 1/21/10)

Elizabeth Warren (J. O'Neil 1/22/10)

Aunt Kim (Kimmel's 1/27/10)

Ian Dall (F. Dall brother 1/10)

Brian Simpson (F.Dall son-in-law 1/10)

Paul Giddings (J.McMurtray 2/17/10)

GPJ (grandfather of Mallory & Loren Kimmel)

Rev. James Pugh (UMC 2/17/10)

Those Serving Overseas:

Capt. Garrett Grochowski

(Jane Taylor's cousin)

1st Lt. Anthony Giardino

(nephew of Mike Frazier 4/109)

Outreach:

**Mirembre Orphanage,
Kenya**

NOTICE:

If you want to add a name on our prayer list, please contact the church office 301-355-7189.

Thank you!

Pastoral Visits & Care

For pastoral visits and care, please contact her at revflett@yahoo.com. In case of a pastoral emergency, you may call Carol at home at 301-251-0109.



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March Events & Worship Schedule

Winter/Spring Worship Service Schedule

Sundays 8:00 am service: Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:15 – 10:15 am Sunday Forum
10:30 am service: Holy Eucharist, Rite II

March 3,10,17,24 Lenten Service, 7 pm & Lenten Program 7:45 pm

March 4,11,18,25 Adult Choir Rehearsals

March 14 Change you Clocks – Spring Forward 1 hour

March 18 Vestry Meeting, 7 pm

March 19 Ladies Guild Family Fun Night 7 pm

March 20 1st Day of Spring

March 28 Palm Sunday, one service 9:30 am

April 1 Maundy Thursday Service 7 pm

Middle Eastern Supper, 6 pm

April 2 Good Friday Services, 12 noon and 7 pm

April 4 Easter Sunday, 8 am & 10:30 am

