

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK prior to Sunday, March 7, 2010

Worship Assistants scheduled for this Sunday, March 7th:

8:00 am

Chalice Bearer: Nelson Torres
Lector: Meredith Smith

10:30 a.m. – Family service

Chalice Bearer:
Acolytes: Bernadette Cannon, James Lynch
Ushers: Brent Grimes, Jean Spaans
Lector:

Wednesday Night Lenten Service and Program tonight Wed. March 3rd,
Evening Prayer at 7 pm and Lenten Program at 7:45 pm.

Sunday Morning Bible Study continues this Sunday at 9:15 am in the Office.

Topic: *David the King of Israel – 2 Samuel: ch 5-8, Chapter 11* in the curriculum. Anyone is welcome to attend. Copies of the curriculum, ***David & the Psalms*** are available for \$22.

Parish Fundraising Committee meeting, Sun. March 7, 12 N. The Vestry appointed Marilyn Carollo as Chair of a Fundraising committee to raise funds for the whole parish and its 2010 Budget. All those with fundraising ideas and energy are invited to this first meeting, in the Office. Ideas already suggested by Marilyn include: a community garden to sell vegetables at local farmers market; bi-monthly spaghetti dinners; Fish Fry in Lent 2011; Thrift Shop in the Parish Life Center this summer, museum trips, and more. Coordination is needed with Evangelism, Sunday School & Youth, Fellowship and Outreach activities.

Youth Leader Discussion – Sunday, March 7, 12 N, in the Office Parents, youth and youth leaders are invited to a meeting to develop a job description for a “Youth Leader”, to be hired to lead a Sunday evening Youth Program. A candidate has been identified, who will be interviewed at a later date, after the job description has been developed. A proposal to fund this position will be given to the Trustees of the Riggs Fund.

Post Christmas Festival meeting has been rescheduled for Thurs, March 11, 7pm in the undercroft. All team members and anyone interested in next years Festival are welcome to attend. Any questions please call Nancy at 301-253-2673.

Ladies Guilding meeting Mon, Mar 15 in the Undercroft. Lunch will begin at 12 noon and the meeting will begin at 12:30. Bring all items for the Fun Night to this meeting.

Let our newcomers feel the warmth of fellowship at St. Bartholomew's by hosting a coffee hour. Currently, the March 14th Service at 8am needs a host/hostess. It only takes a cup of Maxwell House and 18 cups of water and about 1/2 hour of your time to feed our teeming multitudes. Many thanks to our hosts of February 21st, the Smiths at 8am and the Wassons at 10:30. Questions? Call or email Dana Burton.

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Any adults interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church and considering Confirmation or Reception into the Episcopal Church should contact Carol to prepare for the diocesan Confirmation service at the national Cathedral on Sat. May 1, 10 am.

Family Fun Night, sponsored by the Ladies' Guild, Fri., March 19, 7 pm in the Undercroft. Tickets are \$15 for games, refreshments and prizes— see any Ladies Guild member for tickets. Tickets must be obtained in advance.

Palm Sunday, March 28, one service at 9:30 am. Service begins outside, weather permitting, with the Palm Gospel, blessing of palms and procession into the church. Several readers are needed for the many voices in the Passion Gospel reading. Please pick up a copy of the script this Sunday, and sign up for one of the roles and voices.

Maundy Thursday Middle Eastern Supper, April 1, 6 pm, prior to the service at 7 pm. Please sign up on the Sign-up sheet in the Undercroft to bring one of the food items E.g. roasted leg of lamb, rice, pita bread, olives, feta cheese, horseradish, boiled eggs, Israeli salad, red wine, grape juice. Bring a friend to this meaningful meal and service.

Rock Climbing, Sunday, April 25, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. Join the youth (ages 9 and up) of St. Bartholomew's for rock climbing. 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, contact Jean Sommerville at 301-924-0128 or email her at wilbursfriend@aol.com. I'll keep a list of climbers (first-come, first serve) and will provide Earth Treks the final count on April 7.

Church Cleaning: the new cleaning company has completed the initial overall cleaning in all three buildings. Everything has been dusted, washed, polished and vacuumed including the walls of the church, light fixtures, pews, doors, window wells, and bathrooms. The kitchen appliances and undercroft floors will be cleaned twice a year. The Church is cleaned weekly, the Office twice a month and the Parish Life Center once a month. As your mother probably said, "Please wipe your feet before you come in!"

Men's Fellowship Group – a few have expressed interest in forming a Men's Fellowship Group. A short survey is being distributed this Sunday asking what day and time would be most convenient, and what types of programs or activities would be of interest. Please fill out the green survey sheet and send it to the Office or at Church.

Altar Flower donations are needed for Sunday, March 14th, 21st & 28th, Please contact the office by email at stbartschurch2@verizon.net or call 301-355-7189 and give the names to be remembered or the occasion for which you give thanks. Information will be printed in the bulletin and included in the prayers. The cost to parishioners is a tax-deductible \$50 for both arr., payable to Church the week that you dedicate the flowers.

Important notice about the Office copy machine – It is leased at \$127/month with a limit of 2500 copies a month, the number necessary for administration, Worship, Vestry, and other programs. There is an additional charge per copy, if the copier uses more than 2500 copies. Please - this machine is NOT for anyone's personal use.

Important phone #'s: Church undercroft – 301-355-7190; Office 301-355-7189; Carol's home 301-251-0109; Carol's new cell phone 301-821-6708

The Rev. Dr. Carol M. Flett - office hours Wed. & Thursdays 10-4 pm; Sun. 8-1 pm
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"Nevertheless, to praise you is the desire of man, a little piece of your creation. You stir man to take pleasure in praising you, because you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you." St. Augustine, Bishop of Hippo. 354-430 AD