

St. Bartholomew's Newsings

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-----Vicars Message-----

May the peace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ be always with you.

Glory to our Father in heaven for the gift of the Holy Spirit to those that remain faithful to His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Throughout Easter we shouted out, "He Is Risen" but it doesn't end with Easter. He lives! Without a doubt in my mind the greatest challenge we face as humans is to thoroughly accept and believe that Christ has overcome death and lives so that we in time will do the same. The great Easter Light that was lit during the Easter Vigil reminds us that as Christ is the Light of the world so too we are called to keep that Light burning in our hearts for the glory of our Father everyday both here and in the greater Kingdom. He does live!

Love, Faithfulness, and Obedience determine our future with God. It is easy to become distracted from the task at hand that is to make God first in all our decisions. His Wisdom will guide us through all the propaganda that confuses our lives and depletes our resources and happiness. Jesus says, "My peace I give to you." How often we forget this gift he offers to his followers? Maybe because we are so conditioned that there are no free gifts in this world we live in but Jesus reminds us that he does not give as the world gives. He gives from an abundance of a caring love with no strings attached. He lives! I submit that there is no greater friend than this to spend your time with. Let me further add that Jesus has experienced our lives and knows that we frequently stumble and fall so he offers to us the opportunity to reconcile and be fully restored to that great relationship with him. St. Bartholomew's is committed to helping all in their pursuit of God's love.

Take the gift of love from our Lord worship on Sunday!

Starting in June we will be going to our summer hours and will not be meeting on Wednesdays with the exception of the preparations for VBS. We will continue to have two services on Sunday. We will also be holding events during the summer in July and August. If you are traveling let us know so we can be praying for your safety and enjoyment. If you are not traveling please join me on Sunday as we glorify our Lord in song, prayer, fellowship, and the breaking of the Bread.

Much love to all, fir lance+



Editor's Note

We hope you are enjoying the Newsletter and we welcome your comments and suggestions.

Deadline for next issue is August 18th. There will be NO July-August issue of BartholoMewsings – SUMMER BREAK!

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This month, with Father's Day in mind, your editor has included saying from famous persons about fathers .

"A friend's a treasure, a brother's a comfort, a father is both."

-Benjamin Franklin, American statesman (1706-90)



June Birthdays

June 1 – Amy Moomaw	26 – Peter Dispenza
1 – Jane Laird Hill	26 – Brandon Moomaw
4 – Caden Harris	26 – Chad Munn
8 – Cherie Harris	27 – Ladd Harris
14 – Tom Robertson	27 – Dot Hill
17 – June Hornby	30 – Xarie Diepersloot
19 – Brendon Wright	30 – Gloria Sims-Fargas

Anniversaries in June

1 – Cherie & Ladd Harris
19 – Sharon & Joe Scianimanco
29 – Nell & John Johnston
30 – Carol & Hugh Griffin



Congratulations to Each of YOU! If your name does not appear here, please contact your editor to have it added

Mew-sings from the Senior Warden..... Carol Griffin 386-497-2292

Summer is just around the corner. We had a fun and productive weekend at St. Bart's during Pioneer Days in High Springs. I appreciate all the hard work and support given to make this a success and I know this same spirit will carry over to our June VBS program. Please contact Cherie if you are able to help; as extra hands are always needed and welcomed.

July brings Independence Day and a time to reflect on the past and founding of this country.

“The signers of the Declaration of Independence were a profoundly intelligent, religious and ethically-minded group. The signers were members of religious denominations at a rate that was significantly higher than average for the American Colonies during the late 1700s.

These signers have long inspired deep admiration among both secularists (who appreciate the non-denominational nature of the Declaration) and by traditional religionists (who appreciate the Declaration's recognition of God as the source of the rights enumerated by the document). Lossing's seminal 1848 collection of biographies of the signers of the Declaration of Independence echoed widely held sentiments held then and now that there was divine intent or inspiration behind the Declaration of Independence. Lossing matter-of-factly

identified the signers as "instruments of Providence" who have "gone to receive their reward in the Spirit Land.""

Of the 56 Signers of the Declaration of Independence, 57% were of Episcopalian/Anglican Religious Affiliation. (From: freerepublic.com & B. J. Lossing, *Signers of the Declaration of Independence*)

On July 4th we celebrate the country's independence. But where is our true independence? Our true independence comes from the freedom from our sins through salvation offered by Christ. Christ came to this world in the form of man to take on all the sins of the world so we could have salvation and everlasting life.

We once were slaves to our sins. Romans 3:23 indicates we all have sinned and fallen short of God's glory. Peter in 2 Peter 2:19 indicated we are slaves to what masters us.

Paul stated in Romans 7:25 in his sinful nature he was a slave to sin. However Paul had the solution as to his rescue, Jesus Christ.

Be free from your sins, believe in Christ and confess your sins to receive salvation and peace offered by Christ. Remember, as Paul states in Philippians 4:13 that you can do all things through him who strengthens you. Do not rely on yourself. Stay close to God and He will stay close to you, as James indicated in James 4:8.

On this Independence Day celebrate our freedom in this country. But most of all, celebrate, praise God and be thankful for our freedom from the slavery of sin.

Enjoy your Summer and safe travels always remembering "This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24 NRSV).

Father's Day "Godwink"

June 19, 2016 By [Julian Kaufmann](#)

Happy Father's Day to all the dads out there and to those who have left us.

The following is a FB post I wrote shortly after my father passed away – Christmas 2014:



On the 4th day of Christmas 2014, my father gave me the most amazing gift. His gift was teaching me and allowing me to experience him leaving this world in peace.

At 87 and after battling pneumonia, my dad's time on this earth had reached its end. Fortunately I was able to spend the better part of the last 72-hours of his life by his side. My family was there with him as well. Our

family gathering at our dad's bedside was a beautiful expression of love and concern for a man who loved us so much.

My dad was a painter, a writer, and a bit of a practical joker while he was here on earth. He taught my sisters and me how to draw among many other things. One of the images we learned to draw was the ubiquitous "Kilroy was here." The image of a man peering over a fence was popularized in World War II and my father was a veteran of that war, serving in the Navy.

The morning after my dad died, I went to go get coffee in the hotel I was staying in but the elevator was not working that particular morning. None of the three elevator cars would work and the one that I had called was stuck on the floor below – stopping just short of my 8th floor. Mind you this is a modern hotel and I have stayed there often and never have I had an issue with its elevators. This morning, each time I would press the down button the stuck car would chime in response. Finally I decided to go up in order to go down. I pressed the up-button thinking I would summon another elevator car and simply go up to the 9th floor and then return. When I pressed the up button my previously stuck car- sprang to life and then opened – heading up to the top floor – Number 9. The way the elevator was acting made me concerned that I might get stuck so once it opened on floor 9, I decided just to walk down the fire escape stairs to the lobby for my coffee. As I started down the stairs – there in the middle of the pristine stairwell was "Kilroy was here" graffiti. There was no other graffiti on any of the stairways or hallway. Once I saw this image that was positioned right at eye level as I descended the stairs, I smiled and laughed out loud at this, crying happy tears. The night before I felt like I had learned how to transcend the emotional pain of life's ultimate lesson – that life itself ends. Seeing the Kilroy image the next morning was like receiving an "attaboy" from my dad reminding me to enjoy this life and not take it too seriously.

*Seeing the image after being guided to the stairs made me think of the book *When God Winks: How the Power of Coincidence Guides Your Life* by Squire Rushnell, a great book that I recommend. The book describes how God can communicate with us and the author uses many stories with wonderful coincidences to get his point across. In my case, God winked at me the morning after my father died through a malfunctioning elevator that only would go up and only one floor. This same elevator worries me enough to then walk down the 9-flights of stairs only to discover a personal symbol representing my now dead father located at my eye level in the middle of a superbly clean stairwell. The image reaffirmed that while my dad had joined our Heavenly Father, we are always with Him and that indeed "All is Well."*



"My father didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it."

-Clarence Budington Kelland, American writer (1881-1964)



Children's Activities and Family Fellowship



Sunday School Teaching Schedule for 10am Services:

June 2nd: Cherie
Ben

June 9th: Betty
Sheryl

June 16th: Sam
Ben

June 23rd: No Sunday School – VBS Celebration!!

Upcoming Children & Youth Events:

~ Wed. June 5th at 7pm: VBS Prep (Set & Music Teams)

~ Wed. June 12th at 7pm: VBS Prep (Set & Music Teams)

Roar! Life is wild, God is good VBS is coming to St. Bart's June 17-21. Dinner starts at 5pm and the program ends with our finale at 8pm every evening. Plan on joining us for this crazy fun adventure!!

To all of our Sunday School Teachers: Thank you for all you do for the children of St. Bart's. Enjoy your summer!!!

Mission Week is July 21-26 for our Youth & Young Adults. It's always a transformational, high impact week. Ask Cherie for more information if you would like to donate meals, supplies, or transportation.



"I believe that what we become depends on what our fathers teach us at odd moments, when they aren't trying to teach us. We are formed by little scraps of wisdom."

-Umberto Eco, Italian novelist (1932-2016)

☞☞ Lessons for June ☞☞

June 2nd : Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21; John 17:20-26

9th : Genesis 11:1-9; Psalm 33:12-33; Acts 2:1-11; John 7:37-39a

16th : Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

23rd : Isaiah 65:1-9; Psalm 33:18-27; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

30th : 1 Kings 19:15-16,19-21; Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62



"His heritage to his children wasn't words or possessions, but an unspoken treasure, the treasure of his example as a man and a father."

-Will Rogers, Jr., American politician (1911-93)



Hostess List for June



Jun 2 – Pot luck

Jun 9 – Cornelia/ Ruthann

Jun 16 – Betty/ Elizabeth

Jun 23 – Tracie/ Jane

Jun 30 – Carol/ Danelle

Note: If you would like to volunteer to provide a light snack and drink, please contact Nancy Brewer 386-496-3445.



"A father is someone you look up to no matter how tall you grow."

-Unknown

The sixth in the series of short articles on the twelve apostles which your editor will be sharing in this year's issues of the BartholoMewsings.

Hen Judas...repented himself...saying, I have sinned... ~Matthew 27:3-4 (KJV)

THE TWELVE IN EACH OF US
JUDAS, THE BETRAYER

By Terry Helwig

Judas betrayed Christ for thirty pieces of silver. After Jesus was condemned, Judas repented and gave back the money, saying he had betrayed innocent blood. It appears that Judas suffered greatly for his actions.

The summer after high-school graduation, I worked at an electronics plant, soldering transistors. I noticed a coworker soldering more quickly than I, so I copied her technique.

The supervisor observed me. "That's really a time-saver," she said. "Good work."

What harm can come from her thinking it was my idea? I rationalized. I soon found out when she gathered all the employees together and suggested they solder my way. The eyes of my coworker burned through me. When I met her gaze, the word traitor echoed inside my head. When I tried to approach her, she walked away. I never did try to apologize after that.

I've forgotten how to solder transistors. I've forgotten the name of my supervisor. But there is one thing I have not forgotten: the look in my coworker's eyes.

There are many ways to betray Christ, and taking credit for someone else's idea is one of them. Without forgiveness, what an ugly pattern betrayal weaves. We can be thankful Christ offers forgiveness to the betraying Judas in each of us.



Chalice Bearers - June

6/2 - Gregg Pelfrey

6/9 - Neil Boyle

6/16 - Annette Jones

6/23 - Margaret Palmer

6/30 - Cherie Harris

Lay Readers - June

6/2 - Samantha Shiver

6/9 - Alex Matisco

6/16 - Margaret Palmer

6/23 - Our Youth

6/30 - Debra Wright





Mandarin Orange Cake

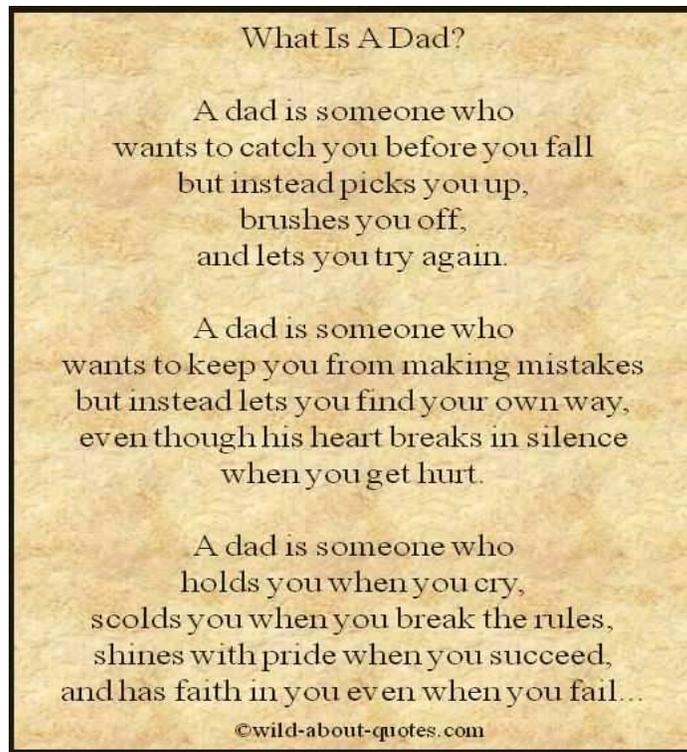
Annette Jones

Ingredients

- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 11 oz can mandarin oranges with juice
- 4 eggs
- ½ cup cooking oil
- 9-oz. ctn. frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 6-oz. can crushed pineapple with juice
- 1 sm. (4 serving size) box instant vanilla pudding mix

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour three (9-inch) layer cake pans. Set aside. In a mixing bowl, combine cake mix, orange slices and their juice, eggs and cooking oil. Beat well with electric mixer for 2 minutes. Divide batter evenly among pans. Bake for 20-25 minutes until tester inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 5 minutes in pan, then turn out and cool completely on wire rack, about 30 minutes. In a mixing bowl, combine whipped topping, pineapple with its juice and vanilla pudding mix. Frost between layers and on top of cake. Refrigerate leftovers.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR ST. BART'S DADS