

# St. Bartholomew's Newsings

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## Vicar's Message

*Grace, Peace, and the Love of our Lord Jesus Christ be always with you!*

Here we are in November and wow is the time flying by quickly. I'm losing weight just trying to keep up! Last May or so I had one of those annual checkups with my doctor and I kind of got scolded for being far too overweight. Now I have to say that I was very, very comfortable with my style of life and felt perfectly healthy. I went home and decided to put some earnest thought to the matter. Needless to say my first instinct was to say that the doctor was wrong or maybe not right all the time. Then I decided to do some research and the more I read the more evidence supported the doctor's diagnosis and to be honest I could not find anything that supported my desire to continue on my merry way.

My dear brothers and sisters at St. Bartholomew's there is a spiritual message in this event that woke me up and I want to share with you because you are special to me. The message begins with be careful when you feel comfortable. It is very difficult not to accept opinions that support what you want to do or your style of life. But give earnest thought and research continually. Our Lord took all of creation to where it did not want to be. He said we had devised a style of life that was going to take us to the eternal grave unless we changed our ways. He did not do it in a hurtful way. As a matter of fact He said He would share the pain with us to get us back to a healthy relationship with the Father. And He did just that on the cross . . . for you and me.

Physical health is important but nowhere near as important as Spiritual health. I want to encourage you to seriously think about your spiritual health. Have you become so comfortable that you are ignoring problem signs? Has caring love faded somewhere into your tempo of everyday get it done life? Do you spend some quiet time with our Lord talking about the work He has waiting for you to do but you are uncomfortable doing? Has your spiritual metabolism gotten lost on the couch? Have you really contemplated the good benefits that await you in your struggles to change? Do you believe that the Lord lives and will walk every step of the way with you as you make the change?

The challenge is there for everyone because we can be mesmerized into thinking everything is good with our way of life and forget how great the Lord wants it to be for us if we will but do the grueling work to change ourselves and shed a few pounds of anger, frustration, self-satisfaction, boredom, etc. and take on a new look of Jesus Christ as we work to fulfill the work our Father created us to do.

That's my story and advice. Love you all. Have a most wonderful Thanksgiving. Come to church and let's build our spiritual lives together. Amen.

Much love in Christ, fr lance+

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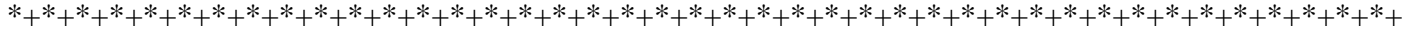
We hope you are enjoying the Newsletter and we welcome your comments and suggestions.

**Deadline for next issue is November 19th.**

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**“Faith is not believing that God can, it’s knowing that God will.”**



**The New Year for the Church begins with Advent** and it is time to prepare and plan for the needs of St. Bart’s. In order to accomplish this, we need to know what we have to work with. A Pledge form is provided below. We will also have forms available at the back of the Church and in the Parrish Hall. Please consider the amount you are able to pledge, complete the Pledge Form and place in the offering plate.

“Stewardship” is not just another word for money in the church; it is what we do after we say we believe. When we consider giving we should reflect on what God has given each of us. As Father Lance often states, money is not the only component of stewardship. Others are time and talent. If there are areas you would like to serve in the church, feel free to discuss with Father Lance or any member of the Mission Board. Father Lance and the Mission Board pledge to be good stewards of the money you give and we thank you for your attention to this matter.



**St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church  
2018 Pledge Financial Pledge**

I/we want to be a pledging member of St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church. I/we understand that pledging is my/our expected level of giving to help the church. I/we will, with God’s help, support the work of our Lord Jesus Christ by contributing from the financial gifts that God gives me/us by giving \$\_\_\_\_\_ every week (\_\_\_) every month (\_\_\_) please check one. My/our estimated total year financial contribution for the church’s budget will be \$\_\_\_\_\_. Pledging is not a contract, but rather a goal I/we have set in my/our relationship with Jesus Christ. \_\_\_ Monthly Building fund Pledge \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

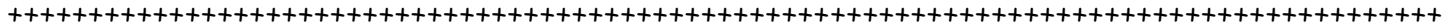
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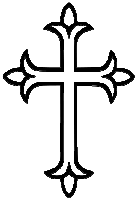
If any of your previous information has changed, please make a note so we can update our records.

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*New-sings from the Senior Warden.....* Charles Jones 386-454-8585

**Synopsis of the Mission Board – October**

- 1) **Yard Sale** on 14 Oct, chaired by Cherie Harris, netted \$600.00.
- 2) **Thanksgiving Baskets** -- Food items and \$10.00 gift cards for turkey are still being collected. The aim is for 10 baskets, but more will be given if the donations warrant. Rosina Dennis, Chair.
- 3) **Fundraisers coming up** -- Spaghetti Dinner and Talent Show is planned for 14 Jan 2018.--details to follow. St Patrick Dinner and possible Mystery Theater near St. Patrick’s Day. Annual Shrove Pancake Supper on 13 Feb 2018. Cinco de Mayo Dinner 5 May 2018—details to follow.
- 4) **High Springs Christmas Parade**, Gregg Pelfry Chairman – youth will plan and decorate float and participate.
- 5) **Compensation** for Fr. Lance – increased to Church Pension Group recommendation. First increase Fr Lance has had since coming to us over 7 years ago.
- 6) **Wednesday Changes** -- first of Dec: Wednesday Service with Eucharist to be added and Monday Bible Study will move to Wednesday. New evening Christian Book Review Group or Study Series to be added.

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**“Your prayer for someone may not change them, but it always changes you.”**



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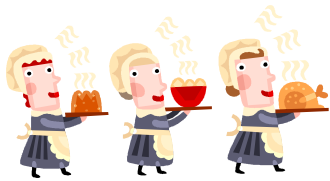
**2018 Camp Weed Summer Camp**  
*Information and Registration*

Camp Weed is an Episcopal camp operated by the Episcopal Diocese of Florida for youth completing grades 2-11. The Camp has existed for over 85 years in different locations in Northern Florida. In 1978, Camp Weed moved to Live Oak, Florida where the facilities have grown into what we now call, The Episcopal Center, Camp Weed and Cerveny Conference Center. Campers of all denominations are welcome to attend Camp Weed to experience wholesome Christian fun in the great outdoors.

**2018 Camp Weed Summer Camp Dates**

| Session     | Ages    | Theme/Camp Dates           | Register by 1-1-18 | After 1-1-18 |
|-------------|---------|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Sr. Session | 15 - 18 | Color Wars/June 10 - 16    | \$525              | \$560        |
| Session I   | 7 - 14  | Pirates/June 17 - 23       | \$525              | \$550        |
| Session II  | 7 - 14  | Nickelodeon/June 24 - 30   | \$525              | \$550        |
| Session III | 7 - 14  | Wild, Wild West/July 8 -14 | \$525              | \$550        |
| Session IV  | 7 - 14  | Harry Potter/July 15 - 21  | \$525              | \$550        |

If you have any questions about Camp Weed Summer Camp registration, please contact Allison Vining, Camp Program Director at [allison@campweed.org](mailto:allison@campweed.org) or call her at 386-364-5250, ext. 227.



# Hostess List for November



Nov 5 – Nancy /Sheryl      Nov 12 – Pot Luck (Thanksgiving Feast)\*\*

Nov 19 – Carol/Sharon & Gregg P

Nov 26 – Cornelia

\*\*Please Contact Cornelia to let her know what you are bringing to the Feast.

Note: If you would like to volunteer to provide a light snack and drink, please contact Cornelia Swann 386-454-3505.

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**TEAM = Together Everyone Accomplishes Miracles**  
**( St. Bart's church family is a TEAM)**



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## Thanksgiving Baskets Rosina Dennis- Assisting with Thanksgiving Basket Project food drive.

I took inventory of the Thanksgiving Basket Pantry and here is a list of what we need, what we have and what is needed to complete the Basket ingredients. Here is that list:

|                              | <u>Need</u> | <u>Inventory</u>   | <u>Remainder</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------|--|------------------|
| Corn Bread Muffin Mix:       | 20          | 30   | 0                |
| Pumpkin Pie Puree            | 10          | 15   | 0                |
| Cranberry Sauce              | 10          | 17   | 0                |
| Canned Vegetables            | 40          | 50   | 0                |
| Gravy Mix (Dry)              | 20          | 4  | 20               |
| Pie Crust Mix                | 10          | 5  | 5                |
| Instant Mashed Potatoes      | 10          | 7  | 3                |
| Stuffing Mix (Large)         | 10          | 11   | 0                |
| Gift cards for meat purchase | 10          | Not sure of amt. of donations- This will determine gift card amount for the baskets. ~\$10- \$15 each if possible. |                  |

Please make sure the Instant Mashed Potatoes will serve a family of at least 4 people, as well as the Stuffing Mix being either the large size, or 2 regular Stove Top Stuffing Box mixes. I discussed putting 2 dry gravy mixes in the baskets because one package only makes one cup of gravy. We can't assume people know how to make gravy from Turkey drippings, even though they may know how. If anyone wants to add something else to the baskets (spices, other dry pantry items such as sugar, or flour) that is up to them to decide how many they want to provide of the extra items. Right now, I'm aiming for a "typical" Thanksgiving fare, of Turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn muffins, 4 cans of vegetables and a pumpkin pie. Hopefully the family will have basic supplies in their pantry to prepare, season and complete their meal. I will give a complete report once the Thanksgiving Baskets are assembled and dispersed, including what was in each basket and amount of gift cards included. If anyone has a specific recipe they would like included in the baskets simply make copies to be placed in the baskets. If there are any questions or other ideas to make this project a great success, please contact Rosina at: [Pinerose@windstream.net](mailto:Pinerose@windstream.net)

Thanks to everyone working so hard to make this community outreach food project a reality. We can make a difference when we all work together. God Bless!

Sincerely, Rosina

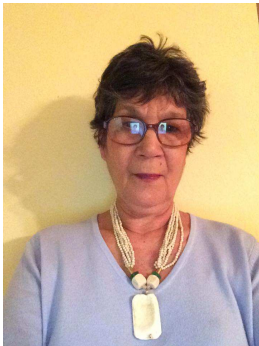
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“Prayer is not ‘whistling in the dark’---it is ‘walking toward the light’.”

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*IN MEMORIAM*



**Joan Lane Ashley**

Memorial Service-Celebration of Life for was held on Friday, Oct. 20, 2017 at St. BENEDICT'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, in Plantation, Florida at 11:00 a.m.

Joan had been an active member of St. Bartholomew's for many years.

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**Bishop Dorsey Henderson will be visiting St. Bartholomew's on March 18th, 2018 for confirmations.** Let's make this a festive event. Start talking up confirmations. Since Fr. Lance will be coming on Wednesdays he can hold or assist in confirmation classes.



## Children's Activities and Family Fellowship

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### Sunday School Teaching Schedule for 10am Services

|                         |                    |                         |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup> :  | Samantha<br>Cherie | Nov. 19 <sup>th</sup> : | Samantha<br>Cherie |
| Nov. 12 <sup>th</sup> : | Sheryl<br>Betty    | Nov. 26 <sup>th</sup> : | Cornelia<br>Sheryl |

### Upcoming Children & Youth Events

- ~ Sun. Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>: Youth Group Fall Extravaganza after church
- ~ Wed. Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>: Fellowship 7pm – Topic: Finding God
- ~ Sun. Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>: College Students Outing after church
- ~ Wed. Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>: Fellowship 7pm – Thanksgiving Fun
- ~ Wed. Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>: No Meeting – Thanksgiving Break
- ~ Wed. Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>: Fellowship 7pm – Living as a Christian



Fun with Charades at Wednesday Family Fellowship. Come join the fun!













