

St. Bartholomew's High Springs

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Vicar's Message

Grace, peace, and the love of our Lord Jesus Christ be in you.

We are off to a very good start at St. Bart's having come through the summer months financially stable and very successful in our summer ministries. The good work of our members and their continued support has cheered the hearts of many. Three such successes were VBS, Mission Camp, and Summer Camp at Camp Weed. Thank you Lord for the work you have given us to do and the reward of happiness you have given us in doing that work! We also had some great fun in our mystery night dinner that was held over our patron saint weekend.

Now we must look forward to the work ahead. I am praying and ask you to also pray to increase the number of active families with youth in our church. We are a church for all ages but we need the spirit of younger families to advance our ministry for the future. We are blessed with a dedicated youth director Cherie Harris to lead in our youth programs. We are also in proximity to Colleges and a University. What an opportunity to minister and to receive their talents in our church. Good things to pray for and also good for us to find ways to get involved.

Pete Woodward and I have been visiting members that are unable to make it to church on Sunday. We normally do this on Wednesday afternoons leaving around 1 pm. We welcome others that would like to join us in these visitations. With two or more . . . well you know the message. The show of support from several is without a doubt a powerful message of love and that we have not forgotten how precious they are to us.

We have also started a series of fellowship dinners that are scheduled about 60 days apart with the hopes of showing the community that we are an active church that recognizes being together can be a great help and comfort to each other. It is a great opportunity to bring potential members. That was a key element in our Lord's ministry. These dinners take planning and work and if you are one of those that enjoys entertaining please let me know. It is a lot of fun! We have an Oktoberfest program on Saturday October 20th from 6 to 8 pm with entertainment and an Italian evening on Wednesday December 11th. Mark these dates on your calendar and join in the family fun.

We are in desperate need of readers, chalice bearers, Altar guild members, and acolytes. Training is free and with many helping hands the work becomes light for everyone. Being an active member in helping to provide a worship service is tremendously rewarding.

In closing let me summarize the theme in this newsletter: Jesus Christ is coming today and being active in the church means we will be ready to welcome him when he comes.
Participation brings sanctification.

Much love to all, fr lance+

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

Deadline for next issue is October 14th. I know that is early but your editor will be out of town the end of the month.

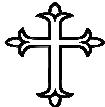
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This month we'll focus on Lending a Helping Hand...

Doing nothing for others is undoing of one's self. We must be purposely kind and generous or we miss the best part of life's existence. The heart that goes out of itself gets large and full of joy. We do ourselves most good by going something for others.

~ Horace Mann, American Educator, Writer and Politician



Mew-sings from the Senior Warden...Carol Griffin 386-497-2292 cgriffin@aol.com

Although the weather is not yet as “Fallish” as I would like, fall décor is out and October 1st will bring out the pumpkins and anticipation of the harvest. It is an appropriate time to reflect on what we have we have sown and will reap both in our personal lives and at St. Bart’s.

Reflecting on St. Bart's:

With thanks to our Youth Director and all the caring members who have ministered to our youth over the years, we have many that headed off to college this fall with a firm foundation that will serve them well.

We have welcomed new members this year, including a Baptism, 3 Confirmations and 1 Reception. Not forgetting those that have transferred to St. Bart's from other churches.

We have a strong Mission Board with members dedicated to the well-being and growth of St. Bart's.

We have a strong FELLOWSHIP with members dedicated to the well being and growth of ST. LUCIA. We have joined together in fellowship on Wednesdays for Bible Studies, Adult Book Clubs, Youth Group and an Evening/Healing Service. Not forgetting Father Lance and Pete's visits offering Holy Eucharist to those housebound.

We have also enjoyed fellowship with some fun-filled events like our annual Pancake Supper, Pioneer Day weekend and The Mystery Dinner. We have more of these events planned, including our upcoming Oktoberfest Fundraiser on Saturday, October 20th. Tickets are going fast so don't miss out!!!

As a side note, this month includes the first “God Wink” story from Squire Rushnell’s collection. Many of the stories give me goosebumps and some bring me to tears, but they inspire me and remind me of God’s Omniscience and Omnipresence. I would urge you to watch for the “God Winks” in your life and consider sharing them us.

GODwink

By [SQuire Rushnell](#)

February 1, 2014

SQuire Rushnell recounts an amazing true story that happened in the life of Christian author Karen Kingsbury:
Submitted by Carol Griffin

It was an absolutely wonderful day! Karen Kingsbury had become America's number-one inspirational novelist. Her books were approaching 20 million in sales; she had just been treated royally by the CEO of Simon & Schuster Publishing, Carolyn Reidy; and she was excited about having the remainder of the day to frolic in New York City with her daughter Kelsey and son-in-law Kyle.

As they departed the upper floors of the Sixth Avenue skyscraper, Karen had a familiar impulse to call her biggest fan, her dad, to tell him about this great day. She could picture him: his eyes tearing up and readily proclaiming just how proud he was of her.

But, wait! She had to refrain from that auto-reach for the phone. Her desire to share a common joy with her dad only collided with cold reality and the deep sadness that he was gone. A sudden heart attack had intruded into their lives and taken him away.

Since then, her mind would often drift to a treasured day that Dad came in the house, bursting at the seams, childlike, announcing that he had just heard a song that "says it all."

"It's exactly how I feel about you," he beamed, "Rod Stewart singing, 'Have I Told You Lately That I Love You?'"

From that moment on, Rod Stewart's song took on a life of its own, weaving itself into Karen's heart and every special occasion; through GODwinks, the melody would pop up here, there, and everywhere: in her son's school play; a Bahamian band on a family vacation; on the set of the first movie based on one of her books. The song was such a monument of affection between Karen and her father that she had the words "Have I Told You Lately That I Love You," engraved on his gravestone.

Karen, Kelsey and Kyle emerged from the Simon & Schuster building into the cacophony of New York streets. Piling into a yellow cab, Karen said, "Hey, we've got time, why don't we go to that park Carolyn mentioned?"

Within 20 minutes the threesome was strolling the plush and picturesque paths of an aerial greenway overlooking the Hudson River, built on what was once an elevated railroad track.

"Let's get a picture," said Kyle, holding his phone's camera at arm's length, hoping to get a decent three-shot.

"Can I take that for you?" said a man, a passerby with a mellow voice and spiky hair. He snapped the picture, smiled, and handed the phone back to Kyle.

"Let me see it," said Karen with anticipation, waiting for Kyle to bring up the photo on the screen.

“Mom,” whispered Kelsey, with tempered urgency, “Do you know who that was?” Her eyes widened, “I think it was Rod Stewart.”

A sense of disbelief rushed over Karen.

The man and his lady companion were now walking away from them, up the pathway. She ran.

“Sir, sir,” she said, breathlessly approaching the couple, “Are...you Rod Stewart?”

He smiled. Put his hand on her arm. “Yes.”

“I have to tell you about my father,” said Karen, earnestly.

As she finished her story, tears formed in Rod’s eyes. His hold on her arm tightened. “You have just made my day,” he said. “May I give you a hug?”

For an extended time, Karen, Kelsey and Kyle lingered on a High Line Park bench, just savoring the grace of God that they had experienced. They marveled at His Divine Alignment — the way in which He causes us, against astronomical odds, to be in exactly the right place at the right moment for His purposes to be achieved.

Their wondering questions were numerous:

“What if we had not decided to visit High Line Park?”

“What if we had walked just a bit slower and hadn’t been there, at that precise moment, to intersect with Rod Stewart?”

“What if Kyle had been satisfied with a two-shot, instead of trying to photograph all three of us?”

Here’s another question: Why was Rod Stewart at a park built on an old railroad trestle? Could it be because he’s infatuated with railroads?

His home in Los Angeles has elaborate model layouts replicating New York Central and Pennsylvania Railroads in the 1940s.

It is when you open your eyes to the GODwinks woven into the Divine Alignment of your everyday existence, that you discover that God is downright astonishing.

And, the closer you get to Him, the better you understand the lyrics to the song God, Himself, is singing to you: “Have I Told You Lately That I Love You?”

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Hands that help are holier than lips that pray
~ Sai Baba Indian Spiritual Master





October Birthdays

Oct 2	Samantha Shiver	10	-- Neil Boyle
	3 - Daryl Brewer	25	-- Camden Treese
	6 - Debra Wright	30	-- Jason Dennis
	8 - Richard Swann	30	-- Gail Dispensa

Anniversaries in October



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



It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself.

~Ralph Waldo Emerson, American Essayist, Poet and Philosopher



Hostess List for October



Oct 7 – Pot luck

Oct 14 – Cornelia

Oct 21 – Nancy/ Sheryl

Oct 28 – Tracie/ Chad

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

କବିତା Lessons for October କେବଳ

Oct 7th: Job 1:1;2:1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1-4,2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

14th: Job 23:1-9; Psalm 22:1-15; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

21th: Job 38:1-7, (34-41); Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

28th: Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22); Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

Do something for somebody every day for which you do not get paid.

~Albert Schweitzer, French Medical Missionary



DATES TO REMEMBER

- October 13th – Church and Grounds Clean-Up Day starting at 9AM. Bring your garden tools/ mop/cleaning supplies/rubber gloves/etc. There will be something for everyone to do!
- October 20th – German Festival/Fund Raiser. OOMP PA PA....



If you have a Date or Picture that you would like to see included in the newsletter, please forward it by e-mail to your editor at pgrscoot97@aol.com.

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Our Youth Away at College...Remember them in your Thoughts and Prayers



GABBY HARRIS

with her Dad Ladd at FSU Parents Weekend



CADET ZACH HORNE

on campus in Vallejo, CA



I expect to pass through life but once. If, therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow being, let me do it now, for I shall not pass this way again.
~ William Penn, English Quaker and Founder of Pennsylvania, USA



Chalice Bearers - October

10/7 - Gregg

10/14 - Annette

10/21 - Wes

10/28 - Margaret

Lay Readers - October

10/7 - Samantha

10/14 - Margaret

10/21 - Annette

10/28 - Beth



Children's Activities and Family Fellowship



Sunday School Teaching Schedule for 10am Services:

Oct. 7th: Sheryl
Cherie

Oct 14th: Cherie
Betty

Oct. 21st: Sheryl
Cherie

Oct 28th: Cherie
Betty

Upcoming Children & Youth Events:

~ Wed. Oct. 3rd at 7pm: Youth Group

~ Wed. Oct. 10th at 7pm: Youth Group

~ Wed. Oct. 17th at 7pm: Youth Group

~ Wed. Oct. 24th at 6pm: Leadership Meeting
7pm: Fall Festival

~ Wed. Oct. 31st: No Youth Group - Halloween

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!! Would you like to assist in the classroom on Sundays, mentor our youth on Wednesdays, drive to different events, donate food or supplies? Let me know how you'd like to take part in our programs and join our team!

Garden News

By Lisa Rhan

The garden is a conflicting place for pondering the parable of the wheat and tares. The gardener wants to pull out the weeds as they pop up in order to give the good plants better growing conditions. However, Jesus' instruction in the parable is not to do that but to let the tares grow along with the wheat because pulling up the tares might also cause the pulling up of good wheat. Why leave them growing together? Here is the challenge for the gardener to think differently.

I began pondering after my friend planted a vegetable garden this summer and left the tares among the wheat. I couldn't see the cucumbers for the 3' tall weeds and grasses. The tomatoes were bright red jewels found only through a garden jungle hunt. Yet, his garden produced and produced. Hmm.

Interestingly, while reading a horticulture magazine (imagine that!), I stumbled on some tidbits of understanding. The article was making the point that “the creation of beauty isn’t always pretty”. Some magnificent gardens serve a beautiful legacy to questionable “robber baron” enterprises: Biltmore Estate’s gardens hail from legendary Vanderbilt fortune; Fair Lane National Landmark public gardens from Henry Ford fortunes; Sarah P. Duke’s gardens are rooted in cotton mills, antitrust suits and cigarettes. Very ironic.

St. Augustine pointed out that wheat and tares run through the Church as well as through the individual. At different times in our lives we grow both wheat and tares, both good and bad, but let us seek good.

I understand better now. What would happen if as soon as I did something wrong I was zapped with lightning and done away with? I would have no chance of redemption. No chance to produce a beautiful garden in spite of all my evils. God has an amazing ability to make good come out of bad. Don't be too hasty to write somebody off as evil. Maybe that's why Jesus said to let them grow together. Who knows the final outcome but God?

"It is part of the American character...to surmount every difficulty by resolution and contrivance."

--Thomas Jefferson



Thanksgiving Baskets

St. Bartholomew's is planning on distributing Thanksgiving baskets again this year. Rosina Dennis will be spearheading this effort and has already been in touch with High Springs Fire and Police Departments. Our goal is twenty baskets this year depending on how much food we receive. The donation request list is the same as last year and follows below as a reminder.

The Food Pantry Crew really needs donations of: (This will be for the making of Twenty Thanksgiving Baskets).

- (20) Instant Mashed potatoes
- (20) Cranberry Sauce
- (40) Vegetables – more would be better
- (20) Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix – more would be better
- (20) Canned Pumpkin for pies

Any other food items they would like to donate for the baskets although we try to keep them similar in content. If you prefer to donate cash and we will search out the best deals and shop for you.

We are also looking for donations to include a \$10 gift card to go towards the purchase of a turkey, meat or other protein for the family.

Please make checks out to St. Bartholomew's and write "Thanksgiving Baskets" in the lower left hand corner. Thank you for your support and love.



If someone listens, or stretches out a hand or whispers a word of encouragement, or attempts to understand a lonely person, extraordinary things begin to happen.

~ Loretta Firzaris, American Educator and Writer

Little deeds of kindness,
Little words of love,
Help to make earth happy
Like the heaven above.

~Julia Fletcher Carney, American Teacher

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And finally, the Bible teaches us ... 1 Peter 4:10

10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.