

# Bartholo Newsings

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## -----Vicar Message-----

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

Lent has begun at St. Bartholomew's with a large number attending our two Ash Wednesday services. I am very excited that many decided to initiate their Lent journey with this special dedication service. The rain affected some from attending so I can only imagine how many of us want this Lent season to set us on a great relationship with our Lord and to make this Easter something very special in our lives.

Throughout Lent I will be available at St. Bartholomew's from the start of Wednesday Bible study at 9:30 to 11 am until the end of our evening program 5:30 to 6:45 pm. From 5 to 5:30 I will be in the Sanctuary for anointing and healing prayer. Throughout the day I will have office hours but request that appointments be made since I may use that time to visit our shut-in members. My evening topic will be "Original Christian Faith." We plan to have a light meal with the evening program such as soup and salad. We always have a great time at these sessions so come and join us.

Shrove Tuesday was quite an event! The cooking crew of Ben, Joe and Ed weathered the rain to put on an excellent pancake supper. We had a full house and although we increased the amount of food over last year we were completely out of food within an hour! The enthusiasm of our members and the outside community attending demonstrates St. Bartholomew's wanted presence in the High Spring's community. The St. Bart's Episcopal presence provides those searching for a spiritual home another Christian faith road to travel. Our historic family size church where everyone acts as a loving and supporting family provides something in contrast to large-scale churches that needs to be experienced especially if someone is truly seeking a spiritual journey. Time and time again visitors who belonged to large-scale churches return to St. Bart's and become dedicated members saying this is what they needed. I know what it is and so do the members . . . living love.

Remember this Lent Season that each of us has a private (secret) connection to our Lord, called prayer. Do participate in worship, read your Bible, and don't forget to share your life with your Lord in quiet secret prayer. Find your sacred place and take time to sit at the Lord's feet in prayer. I promise you it will be the best time you ever spent!

Have a Holy Lent and much love to all of the St. Bartholomew's family. Fr lance+



**Editor's Note**

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

**Deadline for next issue is April 19th.** Contact: Annette Jones - (386) 454-8585 [pgrscoot97@aol.com](mailto:pgrscoot97@aol.com)

*Highlights from the St. Bart's Annual Meeting*

- **Mission Board Election** Your newly elected Mission Board member is Jane Woodward. The Mission Board consists of: Fr. Lance, Vicar, Carol Griffin, Senior Warden; Ed Shiver, Junior Warden; Joe Scianimanico, Jane Woodward, Ladd Harris, Samantha Shiver, Annette Jones serves as Clerk and Neil Boyle is Treasurer. The Clerk and the Treasurer remain in these positions and do not have to be elected members of the board.
- **Convention Delegates Election** St. Bart's as a Mission Church is entitled to 2 delegates. The delegates elected to attend the 2021 Diocesan Convention will be Ladd and Cherie Harris and the alternates will be Neil and Susan Boyle.
- **Youth Report** Cherie Harris, Youth Director, is working with our Young Adults to develop programs to bring them to a better and closer relationship with our church.
- **Treasurer's Report** Thus far 2020 pledges have surpassed all previous numbers in our church history. The proposed budget is \$84,000.00. Donations drop of in the summer so 3 months expenses are kept back as reserve in the checking account. A new bank account "The Sanctuary Fund," is opened for the purpose of necessary renovations to our aging sanctuary.
- **Annual Parish Report** This year Fr. Lance is scheduled to perform 2 baptisms at Easter. The Ash Wednesday, Easter and Christmas Services continue to have great attendance.

**Note:** Should you desire more information, a complete copy of the minutes of the Annual Meeting of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church can be found posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.



*Greetings From the Senior Warden..... Carol Griffin 386-497-2292*

I love St. Bartholomew's church. I love the quaint church we worship in, its history and intimacy but most of all, the people. We have a solid congregation that cares and supports the church and I am grateful for each of you. "How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!" Psalm 133: (NRSV).

Fellowship is an integral part of our lives and we are blessed to have many opportunities to gather as a family to celebrate our many blessings. During this Lenten Season, I encourage you to consider attending the Wednesday Evening Group. I am confident Fr. Lance has picked an interesting and thought provoking program. We will also share in a light dinner of soup and salad. I hope to see you there.

Let's continue the unity and fellowship that makes St. Bart's the special place it is and share it with those around you.

"Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. " 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NRSV)



This is not your typical "Godwink" story, but I received an email about a new book that Squire Rushnell is working on with his wife and look forward to its release. We love our pets for the comfort they bring us and we can see from the following that sometimes they are "Godwinks". Hope you enjoy the "read".

### LOVE LIKE A DOG

February 09, 2020 Louise DuArt-Rushnells

This may sound a silly, but I have learned more about love from dogs than I have from humans. My dog Spotty taught me so much about faithfulness, loyalty and sacrificial love. In fact, no creatures on earth do more to exemplify God's unconditional love for us than our dogs.

Squire and I are writing story after story about dogs teaching us to love in a new book called "Dogwinks." At the center of every inspiring story is a Godwink and a dog.

- You'll read about Bullet the old 13-year old dog whose owners, against all advice, took out a \$5000 loan for surgery to save his life. Later the couple had a surprise late-in-life baby. At 4:30 in the morning Bullet saved the child by alerting the couple that the baby wasn't breathing.
- Ruby, labeled "unmanageable", was saved from euthanasia by a lady, a shelter volunteer, who advocated for her. Months later Ruby was the rescue dog that found the same woman's missing boy lost in the woods and clinging to life.
- Faith was a dog born with only two legs and went on to inspire millions of people with her determination and courage to learn to walk like a human. The stories go on and on.

Dogs show their gratitude to those of us who provide them a good home. They never want to leave our side. In fact, they don't understand why they can't *always* be with us. I wonder if God feels the same way. He loves to be with us every minute of every day, too.

Our dear friend Pastor Bill Devlin, or PB as we call him, has a phrase he always says before we hang up the phone. "God loves you and I love you and there's nothing you can do about it!" We can only conclude that PB would have been a good dog.

Your dog's unconditional love for you is never dependent upon a checklist of how well you've kept your promises ... what religion you are ... or what political party you're rooting for. Nope. They just love you the way you are.

How about we all try to ...

**LOVE LIKE A DOG!**

Wishes & Winks, Louise



# Hostess List for March



Mar 1 -- Pot Luck

Mar 8 – Cornelia/Ruthann

Mar 15 – Jane/Nancy B

Mar 22 – Sharon P/Sharon S

Mar 29 – Marje/Nancy Davies (a new volunteer!)

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

## ☪☪ Lessons for March ☪☪

**March 1st:** Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

**8th:** Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

**15th:** Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

**22nd:** 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

**29th:** Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45



### March Birthdays

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| 1 – Adam Cason        | 20 – Chris Ellison    |
| 7 – Edgar Carrasco    | 20 – Adele Marston    |
| 15 – George Edwards   | 21 – Cole Diepersloot |
| 16 – Lisa Rhan        | 23 – Stephanie Hencin |
| 16 – Alex Scianimanco | 23 – Jane Woodward    |
| 19 – Melanie Davis    | 31 – Mason Ellison    |
| 20 – Chris Ellison    |                       |

### Anniversaries in March

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| 6 -- Cornelia & Richard Swann |
| 19 – Rosina & Jason Dennis    |



*Congratulations to Each of YOU! If your name does not appear here, please contact your Editor to have it added for next time.*



## Youth Activities and Family Fellowship



### Sunday School Teaching Schedule for 10am Services:

- March 1<sup>st</sup>: No Sunday School – One Service at 9am
- March 8<sup>th</sup>: Ben  
Sheryl
- March 15<sup>th</sup>: Cherie  
Sam
- March 22<sup>nd</sup>: Betty  
Cornelia
- March 29<sup>th</sup>: No Sunday School – Youth Service!!

### Upcoming Children & Youth Events:

- ~ Wed. March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm: Youth Group Meeting
- ~ Wed. March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm: Youth Group Meeting
- ~ Wed. March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm: Youth Group Meeting
- ~ Wed. March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm: Dinner for Leadership Group  
7pm: Youth Group Meeting
- ~ Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm: Youth Group

# SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER





**The St Bart's Ladies enjoyed a "Night Out" recently at the High Springs Brewery.**

**Good job coordinating, Gayle!**

**If you are a "St Bart's lady" and you missed this fun event, you need to plan on the next time!**




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Chalice Bearers - March

3/1 - Wes

3/8 - Cherie

3/15 - Annette

3/22 - Margaret

3/29 -- Gregg

Lay Readers - March

3/1 - Cherie Harris

3/8 - Debra Wright

3/15 - Margaret Palmer

3/22 - Beth Treese

3/29 -- Youth



# Rejoice, for He has Arisen!

Easter season, or the Lenten season, is the most religious time of year for Christians. It celebrates Christ's teachings, and his final weeks on earth. It begins with Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of the Lenten season, a time of fasting and prayer. It follows along through to Holy week which is the week leading up to his death on the cross on Good Friday. It ends with his glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday morning. It is a time to celebrate, for the Lord has arisen.

## *Palm Sunday A Christian Holy Day*

**When:** April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday is begins the Holy week leading to Easter and the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. It commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem where people put palms down in front of his path.

On Palm Sunday, palms are distributed in church and blessed during the mass. People take them home and place them around religious pictures, statues or other objects. They remain there for a year until the next Palm Sunday when they are replaced by newly blessed Palms.

When discarding old palms, remember it is a blessed religious object and should be burned or buried. Some gardeners bury it in their home garden, believing it will bless the coming year's crop.

**Did you Know?** The ashes you receive on Ash Wednesday are from the prior year's palms.

## *Good Friday A Christian Holy Day*

**When:** April 10, 2020

On Good Friday, Jesus Christ died on the cross. He died for us. But he only died in human form. He then arose from the dead on Easter Sunday morning to show us that there is life after death in heaven. Good Friday is a day of solemn prayer and the final day of fasting for the long Lenten season.

Christ was nailed to the cross at noon. His death came at three o'clock in the afternoon. During this time, many Christians spend in prayer and silence.

**Did You Know?** Good Friday is also called "Dark Friday"

And finally...Do you know? ...I'm sure you know...Easter Sunday

April 12, 2020. The date for Easter changes every year. It is the first Sunday after the full moon following the spring equinox.



The real meaning of Easter is the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. To Christians, it is the most special day of the year. Yes, the birth of Christ is quite important. But, his resurrection offers the hope of everlasting life to everyone! The Lenten season leading up to Easter Sunday is a time of fasting, sacrifice and prayer. It is the Christian way of replicating in a small way what Christ sacrificed for us, both in his fasting and his final death on the cross.

Easter also is celebrated with the Easter Bunny, colored eggs, jelly beans, and lots of chocolate. He (or she, as we are never quite sure about this) comes on Saturday night leading to Easter Sunday morning. He brings lots of chocolates and other candies. That's one meaning to Easter, especially if you are a kid or a "Chocoholic".



There is a famous Easter game called the Easter Egg Hunt. Early morning kids go outside to find the many colored Easter eggs that the Easter bunny has hidden the night before. It is said that the reason this tradition started was because of the Easter Bunny dropped the eggs on the way to deliver them and they hide themselves. That is how the Easter Egg Hunt was supposedly invented.

Most of us will celebrate both parts of this spring holiday. Upon awakening Easter Sunday morning, the children will hunt for the Easter basket left by the Easter Bunny. Then the family will dress in their finest new spring clothes, and go off to church to celebrate Christ's resurrection. From there, the holiday tradition varies. Some have a big breakfast of brunch feast. Other family will have a big main meal with baked ham being the most common meat. Brightly colored hard boiled eggs will also be popular. It is not a day for high cholesterol diets. It is a day to feast as the long Lenten season is over and Christ has arisen.

Easter Lilies are a popular flower and sign of Easter. They are great as gifts for mom or grandma, or to decorate your home or office. Garden stores and floral shops force the blooms to peak as Easter arrives, providing a splash of color to the early spring season. They are grown from bulbs, and can be transplanted into your home garden after the blooms have died off. Then, they will bloom in your flower garden every spring!



**St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church  
Easter Lilies Order Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Number of **Easter Lily plants** ordered at a cost of **\$10.00**

each \_\_\_\_\_. **Check or cash must accompany order.**

Make checks payable to "St. Bartholomew's" and put "Easter lily" in memo line.

Turn completed form in to church office or mail to:

PO Box 906

High Springs, FL 32655

Is your plant in honor ? \_\_\_\_\_ or in memory ? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of loved one \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your order. These Easter lily plants will be used to beautify our sanctuary during the Easter Holiday. You may take them home afterward to plant in your flower garden.

Please be careful to write clearly when filling in your form so that your loved one's name can be read correctly at Easter. Turn in, along with your check or cash, to Carol Griffith or Nancy Brewer. If neither is available, leave in Fr. Lance's office.