

St. Bartholomew's Newsings

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-----Vicar's Corner-----

Grace, peace, and the love of the Father's Son, our Savior be with each of you.

We were blessed with a very successful VBS program thanks to the skills of many of our members. Cherie and Ladd continue to energize everyone and lead our VBS team. Thank you to everyone for making this important ministry very successful. Spreading the seed of the Gospel to everyone that participates increases the chance that the Spirit will take root and grow producing new interest and energy in our church.

I have also been blessed to witness the growth occurring at the summer camp at Camp Weed. Last year we set a record number in attendance only to be exceeded by over 10 percent this year! Your contributions provided scholarships for two of our outstanding youth to attend this year. I hope we send more next year!

Jesus says the great commandment is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind. Those that follow these words find themselves on a road to eternal life that gives their life on earth purpose and meaning. We know that we are progressing in the right direction when we give to help the Church that Jesus, God's Son, gave his life to create. To give is to love God. We also know we are progressing in the right direction when we come to worship our God. To worship is to love God. We are also progressing in the right direction when we study Holy Scripture. To develop a Holy mind is also to love God. We need all three to grow properly into the likeness of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I encourage you to have a rule of life that contains these three points in your life. My fitness trainer says just giving one percent today then 5 percent next week, and continuing to dedicate more of myself each week will produce great results in my health and stamina. It works in the physical life and it also works in our spiritual lives. Striving to do a little more each day, week, month, year in our spiritual lives produces amazing results in our attitudes and ability to love as God wants us to love. Total fitness must include the great commandment if we are to enjoy the fruits of our labors.

I am saddened by the division and animosity that is occurring in the political life of our great nation. Holy Scripture is very clear that God wants us to respect those in authority and wants us to live in peace and unity. Disrespect for authority produces terrible results and can lead to violence. It is okay to disagree but it must be done with respect. It is okay to express one's views peacefully and very important to sincerely hear the views of others. As Christians we are called to love and be prepared to help even pray for our enemies. Let God do the judging and let us be good servants to each other. I pray that all the members of St. Bartholomew's will be known as peacemakers.

I pray that everyone has a great and safe summer. Please check our website and come to church on Sunday so that you can be included in the events we will have this summer. Have a blessed and safe summer. Much love in Christ, fr lance+

Editor's Note

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

Deadline for next issue is August 19th

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This summer while you are enjoying the outdoors, find some time to reflect and pray. Your Editor



A Prayer for July
Written by Rick Hamlin

Lord, I pray for my congregation, for the quiet woman who leaves before I can say "Hello,"
For the couple beside me who speak to each other in strained, unhappy tones,
For the Sunday school teachers caring for our children,
For the ushers at the door,
And the visitors who have come to be with us today.
I pray for those who mow the lawn,
And those who make the snacks for our coffee hour.
I pray for our Vicar, who shepherds us all as we come together to form one body, Your church.



Hostess List for July



July 1 – Pot Luck

July 8 – Marge D/ Sheryl S

July 15 – Cornelia

July 22 – Carol G/ Lisa R

July 29 – Gregg & Sharon P/ Stefanie S

Hostess List for August

Aug 5 -- Pot Luck

Aug 12 – Cornelia

Aug 19– Tracie & Chad M

Aug 26 – Jane W/ Nancy B

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

"God, today help me to focus on open windows, not closed doors."



☺☺ Lessons for July ☺☺

- July 1st:** 2 Samuel 1:1,7-27; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43
8th: 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13
15th: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6: 14-29
22nd: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
29th: 2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21
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☺☺ Lessons for August ☺☺

- August 5th:** 2 Samuel 11:26—12:13a; Psalm 51:1-13; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35
12th: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25—5:2; John 6:35, 41-51
19th: 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58
24th: *St. Bartholomew Saint Day* Psalm 91; Deuteronomy 18:15-18;
1 Corinthians 4:9-15; Luke 22:24-30
26th: 1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69
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HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY



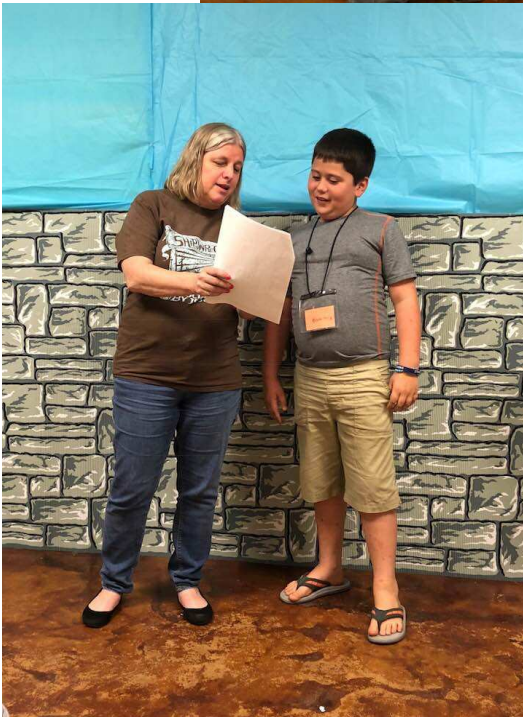
Whenever the 4th of July comes around, I remember a talk I once heard. It was given by General Mark Clark, and the subject he chose was honor. Honor, the General said, is the ability to put morality ahead of expediency, duty ahead of self-indulgence, and to do this instinctively and every time. But, he added, this shining quality does not occur spontaneously in people. It has to be learned. Parents have to teach it. Schools have to teach it. Churches have to teach it. Unless they do, our society will begin to crumble.

The sense of honor that our ancestors knew, the general said, has become weakened and diminished in our own times. The reason may be that we no longer understand how important honor is in the conduct of our daily lives. The men who signed the Declaration of Independence did understand. In the last line of that document, so dangerous to the signers, all of them pledged to one another "our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor." To them, honor was not just some casual concept. It was sacred.

That was how those brave men understood the meaning of the word in their day. Somehow, we must recapture it for ours. ~Arthur Gordon

"Dear God, help us to make honor the bedrock of our lives."

VBS SHIPWRECKED—RESCUED BY JESUS



All of you got to see a "Week in Review" at church last Sunday. And even after watching the presentation, you may wonder why we do VBS. It looks like a lot of games, crazy dancing, and a whole lot of food.

Well, these pictures show exactly why we do VBS. Last night, our youth shared Jesus' story and OUR story of salvation. It was a beautiful moment and one that made me so very proud. There is HOPE in this world...there is LIGHT in this world...and our children are clearly hearing the message "Jesus Rescues!!!"

Cherie



A Prayer for August
Author unknown

God,
Kneeling,
I have sought You,
Standing,
I have walked with You,
Singing,
I have praised You,
Awakening,
I have called to You,
Sleeping,
I have rested in Your care.
Thank You, God, for being with me,
Everywhere.



Musings From the Senior Warden.....Charles Jones 386-454-8585

While reading the history our National Anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner", I came across some interesting information about its author Francis Scott Key which I'd like to share. Key was both extremely patriotic and religious from early childhood until his death. As a young man, he seriously considered becoming an Episcopal priest, but opted instead to become a lawyer. Everyone who came in contact with Key remarked on his piety.

In his letters to family and friends he suggested, "Read your Bible every morning and evening, never neglect private prayer and strive to think of God often."

Key was an influential and effective supporter of the Episcopal Church, taking an active role by serving as lay rector for many years, leading services and visiting the sick.

He was a founder of what became The Virginia Theological Seminary in 1823. He was also a strong proponent of the American Bible Society and a supporter of Sunday schools, then known as "Sabbath schools."

Among the scores of poems he wrote, many dealt with religious themes. There are four verses to The Star Spangled banner and the fourth verse contains several references to Deity, especially: "And this be our motto—In God is our trust."

He was truly a man of God and a good Episcopalian.



Chalice Bearers/Acolytes - July

Lay Readers - July



7/1 - Wes/ Sam

7/8 - Gregg/ Sam

7/15 - Annette/ Gabby

7/23 - Margaret/ Gabby

7/29- Annette/Sam

7/1 - Samantha Shiver

Gregg Pelfrey

7/8 - Annette Jones

Charles Jones

7/15 - Beth Treese

Cherie Harris

7/22 - Debra Wright

Annette Jones

7/29 - Samantha Shiver

Gregg Pelfrey

Chalice Bearers/Acolytes - August

Lay Readers - August

8/5 -- Margaret/Gabby

8/5 - Cherie Harris
Charles Jones

8/12 - Annette/ Gabby

8/12 - Beth Treese
Samantha Shiver

8/19 -Gregg/ Sam

8/19 -Cherie Harris
Beth Treese

8/26 - Wes/ Sam

8/26 -Charles Jones
Annette Jones



"Holy Spirit, this season of Pentecost let me take my faith out of hiding."



July Birthdays

Anniversaries in July



July 7 – Audrey Halbrook	26 – Joe Scianimanico	7 – Sharon & Gregg Pelfrey
16 – Nancy Brewer	29 -- Gussie Scianimanico	14 – Nancy & Daryl Brewer
20 – Sheryl Shiver	31 – Joe Clark	17 – Beth & Patrick Treese
25 – Jimmy Addington		29 – Nell & John Johnston

August Birthdays

Anniversaries in August

3 – Margaret Palmer	24 – Tommy Clark	
10 – Josh Dowda	25 – Maynard Swanson	18 – Charles & Annette Jones
11 – Bill Rhan	31 – Peggy Addington	19 – Lance & Beth Horne
13 – Mark Moomaw	31 – Hugh Griffin	22 – JR & Marsha Bancroft
15 – Art Moegenberg	31—Susan Hansen	
21 – Carol Griffin		

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