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

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

And Jesus said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." These words bring the comfort of God into the lives of those that have accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Accepting Christ means actively cooperating with the Holy Spirit to transform our lives so that we put Jesus first in our lives by following Jesus' commandments and example of life.

I really enjoy books that teach me something that I can accomplish by myself. After learning something new I love to experiment with the principles to invent something new with my own signature on it. Often I have to experiment and go back to read the book to see if maybe I overlooked some basic and critical item. The feeling of accomplishment when I get it and produce it can't be overstated. It is a great feeling. Working with Holy Scripture as the ultimate guide for living, I have found great enjoyment and purpose in life. Changing myself to be more like Christ is a lifetime process and that is a good thing. There are an infinite number of discoveries we can make about ourselves that will change our lives for the better and more importantly bring about a comforting peace to our lives.

One identifying mark of a Christian is a desire for self-improvement in the areas of loving and caring for others. Jesus sends us the Holy Spirit to help us make these improvements in our lives. Our Father sends His Divine Spirit to unite with our lives and bring about the transformation. How wonderful that the Father would make such an effort for us. What love! We celebrate this act of Divine Love when we celebrate Pentecost.

Pentecost is a Church event. Jesus' example of a community bound to each other in love and charity that worships the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is the definition of a church. Yes, Pentecost is all about the continuing work of Jesus in the Church he founded with the Apostles. The Holy Spirit is what we see and feel at St. Bartholomew's. God has chosen our small church to experience His Divine Love. This makes St. Bart's as great as the large churches throughout the world. In God's eyes we are very special and that is what we enjoy. His love.

At the end of June we will be offering our VBS program at no cost to children and youth. It is one of our signature events that is made possible by generous members. It is all about the Holy Spirit in our church. If you are interested in helping please contact Cherie. It is a fun time for the adult helpers as well.

Have a great 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 June 18th

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This month, with Father's Day in mind, your editor has included little prayers to our Father in Heaven.

Come, sweet Jesus, into every moment of my life.

Recently, Cornelia Swann invited the women of St. Bartholomew's Church to a "Girls Night Out" at Great Outdoors Restaurant. There were 18 in attendance!

June Birthdays

June 1 – Amy Moomaw
4 – Caden Harris
8 – Cherie Harris
17 – June Hornby
26 – Peter Dispenza
26 – Brandon Moomaw
27-- Ladd Harris
27 – Dot Hill
29 – Brendan Wright
30 – Carie Diepersloot

Anniversaries in June

1 – Cherie & Ladd Harris
18 – Betty Anne & Rudolph Ayers
19 – Sharon & Joe Scianimanico
21 – Anne & Ed Lundy
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……Charles Jones 386-454-8585

Here is a brief synopsis of the Mission Board meeting held on May 21, 2017.

Your Mission Board members are: The Rev Canon Lance Horne, Charles Jones, Senior Warden, Richard Swann, Junior Warden, Annette Jones, Clerk, Gail Dispenza, Treasurer, Carol Griffin, Cherie Harris, Gregg Pelfrey, and Jane Woodward.

Discussion of various fundraisers such as a spaghetti dinner, Octoberfest, the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Chili Cook-off, and participation in the Citywide Yard Sale on October 7, 2017.
The St. Bartholomew's Retreat at Camp Weed will be held August 26-27, 2017 and this year there will be a Mission Board Retreat that same timeframe.
July 23-28, 2017 will be the dates for the Youth Mission Week. Anyone with suggestions for projects around our church or its members should share their ideas with Cherie Harris, Youth Director. There will be no Sunday school or Wednesday night youth group meetings during July and August.
Bible Study will recess during July and August as well.
Our Website and social media contact continues to develop under the leadership of Jane Woodward.
In an effort to make our church visitors feel more welcome, they will be recognized at the same time as birthdays, anniversaries and travelers.
During this time in our church year I pray:
Holy Spirit, during this season of Pentecost let me take my faith out of hiding and give you praise.

Teach me, my God and King,
In all things Thee to see;
And what I do in anything,
To do it as for Thee.

~George Herbert (1593-1633)

St. Bartholomew's Historical News

submitted by Jane Woodward

The two stained glass windows at the altar tilt into the church when open. These were given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Dear by the Dear family. The Dear family presented the windows to the church in the late 1930's. The family came to High Springs from England when Mr. Dear was given the executive position at Loncala Phosphate.

Children's Activities and Family Fellowship

Sunday School Teaching Schedule for 10am Services:

June 4th:	Cherie Ben	June 18th:	Ben Betty
June 11th:	Sheryl Deb	June 25th:	Cornelia Ben

Upcoming Children & Youth Events:

~ Wed. June 7th – Set & Music Prep for VBS at 7pm

~ Wed. June 14th – Set & Music Prep for VBS at 7pm

~ Wed. June 21st – Set & Music Prep for VBS at 7pm

~ Mon. June 26th – Fri. June 30th Maker Fun Factory VBS

~ Sun. July 2nd – VBS Celebration at 10am service

Have YOU registered for Maker Fun Factory VBS? Get your form in soon so that you can be a part of the adventure! During the week of June 26th, dinner starts at 5pm and the fun continues until 8pm, ending with our finale. YOU were created by God & built for a purpose!!!

Our Sunday school teachers will be on vacation from after VBS through Labor Day weekend. We thank our AMAZING team for making the commitment to be there for our children every week and for teaching them about the love of God. You shine the light of Christ brightly here at St. Bart's and in our communities. I love you all so very much!!

Dear God, help me to trust You with all the things that I do not yet understand.

Lessons for June

June 4th: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:25-35, 37; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23

11th: Genesis 1:1—2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

18th: Genesis 18:2-25, [21:1-7]; Psalm 116:1, 10-17; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35—10:8, [9-23]

25th: Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

Dear God, when I stand in the middle of shredded plans and dreams, teach me how to take these remnants and use them for something good.

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Hostess List for June

Jun 4 – Pot luck

Jun 11 – Cornelia S

Jun 18 – Carie D/ Ruthanne S

Jun 25 – Ben H/ Tracie M.

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

Dear God, when the future is not bright, remind us that with You we can always manage one day at a time.

Chalice Bearers/Acolytes - June

6/4 – Margaret/ Samantha

6/11 – Wes / Gabby

6/18 – Gregg / Sam

6/25 – Annette / Gabby

Lay Readers –June

6/4 – Annette Jones
Beth Treese

6/11 – Debra Wright
Carole Ellis

6/18– Samantha Shiver
Stephanie Sauble

6/25 – Evelyn Walden
Gregg Pelfrey

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Episcopal Edibles

Strawberry Icebox Pie

From Southern Pies by Nancie McDermott

This cool pie couldn't be much simpler, nor much more lovely on a hot summer evening when you have a hankering for something luscious. (Can be made with blackberries or raspberries as well.)

Makes 1 9-inch pie

Ingredients

One 9-inch Graham cracker crust
½ cup cornstarch
2 6 cups hulled, coarsely chopped Strawberries, fresh or frozen
1 Cup sugar
½ teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons butter
1 ¼ cups heavy cream
2 Cups strawberries, sliced
½ teaspoon vanilla or almond extract

Instructions

1. In a small bowl, combine the cornstarch and 1/3 cup cold water. Stir with a spoon to combine them well, dissolving any lumps.
2. In a medium saucepan, combine the chopped strawberries, sugar, and salt. Stir to combine fruit and sugar, and then cook over medium heat until the mixture comes to a gentle boil. Cook, stirring often, until the berries create a pool of sauce, about 5 minutes.
3. Stir up the cornstarch and water mixture, and add it to the pan. Cook stirring often, until the strawberry sauce boils again, thickening up, and the berries are soft, 3 to 4 minutes more.
4. Remove from heat, stir in the butter and vanilla, and set aside to cool to room temperature.
5. Beat the cream in a large bowl until it is very thick and luscious, holding its shape in round medium peaks that are not cottony-stiff. Stir in the strawberry mixture and gently fold the cream and strawberries together to make an even, rich mixture.
6. Pile the filling into the graham cracker crust and refrigerate for 3 to 4 hours, until very cold and fairly firm. Serve cold, and if you have sliced strawberries, spoon a little pile of them alongside each piece of pie. Refrigerate any remaining pie for up to 1 day.

God, may I have sufficient courage and faith in You
To pass through adversity when it strikes my life. Amen.

My Dad's Hands

Bedtime came, we were settling down,
I was holding one of my lads.
As I grasped him so tight, I saw a strange sight:
My hands. . .they looked like my dad's!
I remember them well, those old gnarled hooks,
there was always a cracked nail or two.
And thanks to a hammer that strayed from its mark,
his thumb was a beautiful blue!
They were rough, I remember, incredibly tough,
as strong as a carpenter's vice.
But holding a scared little boy at night,
they seemed to me awfully nice!
The sight of those hands - how impressive it was
in the eyes of his little boy.
Other dads' hands were cleaner, it seemed
(the effects of their office employ).
I gave little thought in my formative years
of the reason for Dad's raspy mitts:
The love in the toil, the dirt and the oil,
rusty plumbing that gave those hands fits!
Thinking back, misty-eyed, and thinking ahead,
when one day my time is done.
The torch of love in my own wrinkled hands
will pass on to the hands of my son.
I don't mind the bruises, the scars here and there
or the hammer that just seemed to slip.
I want most of all when my son takes my hand,
to feel that love lies in the grip.

David Kettler

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

"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God…"

1 John 3:1 KJV