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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

When: March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday 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.

Holy Thursday

When: March 29, 2018

Holy Thursday is more than just the lead-in to the events of Good Friday; it is, in fact, the oldest of the celebrations of Holy Week. During the Last Supper, Christ blessed the bread and wine that He shared with His disciples with the very words that priests use today to consecrate the Body and Blood of Christ during the Liturgy. Near the end of the Last Supper, after Judas had left to arrange for the betrayal of Christ, Jesus said to His disciples, "A new commandment I give unto you: That you love one another, as I have loved you, that you also love one another." The Latin word for "commandment," *mandatum*, became the source of another name for Holy Thursday: *Maundy Thursday*





Good Friday

When: March 30, 2018

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.

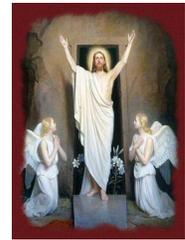
Christ was nailed to the cross and after his suffering, his death came at three o'clock in the afternoon. During this time, many Christians spend in prayer and silence.

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

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

Easter Sunday

When: April 1, 2018. 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.



Editor's Note

This month of Spring, you will find interesting tidbits about spring flowers.

Deadline for next issue is March 18th

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In the Victorian language of flowers the Hyacinth flower symbolizes sport or play, and the blue Hyacinth signifies sincerity.



Highlights from the St. Bart's Annual Meeting

- **Mission Board Election** Your newly elected Mission Board members are Edgar Lundy, Stefanie Sauble, Joe Scianimanico and Ed Shiver. The Mission Board consists of: Fr. Lance, Vicar, Charles Jones, Senior Warden, Junior Warden (yet to be elected by the board), Ed Lundy, Stefanie Sauble, Joe Scianimanico, Ed Shiver and Jane Woodward. Annette Jones serves as Secretary and Gail Dispenza is Treasurer. The Secretary and the Treasurer will remain in these positions and do not have to be elected members of the board. Richard Swann was congratulated and thanked for completing his service as Junior Warden.
- **Diocesan Convention Delegates Election** St. Bart's as a Mission Church is entitled to 2 delegates. The delegates elected to attend the 2019 Diocesan Convention are Ladd and Cherie Harris and the alternates are Peter and Gail Dispenza.
- **Youth Report** Cherie Harris, Youth Director, encouraged all members of St Bartholomew's to support and participate in the youth activities such as the upcoming Vacation Bible School which is open to the entire High Springs community at no cost to those attending. The youth are not only our church but are a vital part of our church today.
- **Treasurer's Report** The proposed budget is being prepared and is based on last year's pledged income. Therefore, all are encouraged to make a pledge for 2018 in order to have as accurate a monetary figure as possible when preparing the budget. The finalized budget will be posted on the Parish Hall bulletin board for all to see. Currently there about \$24,000.00 in our accounts. Donations drop of in the summer so 3 months expenses should be kept back as reserve in the checking account. At this time we have sufficient funds to hold this amount in reserve. The financial statement for this past year is currently posted on the bulletin board.
- **Annual Vicar's Report** Fr Lance has begun his eighth year as our Vicar and now is present at the church all day on Wednesday. He leads a Bible study at 9:30-11AM, and then is available to the congregation all day until he conducts a Vespers service with Eucharist at 6:00 PM followed by a soup and bread supper and, until Easter, will be presenting a special Lenten Study, open to all, beginning at 6:30PM. This Lenten Study will prepare those who might wish to be received or confirmed into the Episcopal Church. If you have an interest in being received or confirmed when Bishop Henderson visits St. Bart's on March 18th, please contact Fr. Lance and plan on attending these study sessions. Average attendance at Sunday services remains at about 60 weekly. The Ash Wednesday and Christmas Services set record attendance. Plans are being considered for erecting a Columbarium on the church grounds which would not only serve a final resting place for our congregation but would also be an ideal place to begin our special services such as Palm Sunday and Easter. Volunteers are the heart of a church and Fr. Lance recognized Jane Woodward for all her efforts in developing and maintaining our website and adding a Facebook and Tweeter account for our church. All the many other volunteers who give of themselves for our church were thanked by Fr. Lance and the Senior Warden.

Note: Should you desire more information, 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.

Daffodils were brought to Britain by the Romans who thought that the sap from Daffodils had healing powers. Actually the sap contains crystals that can irritate the skin.



Hostess List for March



Mar 4 -- Pot Luck

Mar 11 – Cornelia

Mar 18 – Bishop’s Visit (If you can bring a dish, let Cornelia know as soon as possible)

Mar 25 – Betty/ Gregg & Sharon

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



Did you know that when the tulip flower first arrived in Europe, the English tried serving them with oil and vinegar and the Germans boiled and sugared the bulbs?

Episcopal Summer Camp

Registrations are now being accepted for Camp Weed Summer Camp.

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.

A typical day at Camp Weed begins with morning devotions, breakfast, and cabin clean up. Swimming, archery, arts and crafts, canoeing, and trail biking may follow as your cabin's activities. There are optionals such as leather works, tie-dye, sign language, and movie making to choose from for the afternoon activities. Evenings begin with a message from the Deans and a variety of all camp activities and programs. The traditional Weed Wide Olympics is always a hit and creates wonderful cabin camaraderie.

The Camp Weed staff is selected based on their spiritual and emotional maturity, enthusiasm for working with youth, and ability to be a team member and to lead camp activities. Each staff member is given a criminal background check and

personal interview, is certified in CPR/AED and first aid, and has taken the "Safeguarding God's Children" to help recognize and prevent abuse. Camp Weed places the safety of its campers first in every aspect of camp life.



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 or call her at 386-364-5250, ext. 227.



Daisy leaves are edible and can be used in salads.

Lesson Lessons for March

- March 4th:** Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22
- 11th:** Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21
- 18th:** Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-13; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33
- 25th: Palm Sunday** Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9,16; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 11:1-11
- 29th: Maundy Thurs.** Exodus 12:1-4,(5-10); Psalm 116:1,10-17; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17,31b-35
- 30th: Good Friday** Isaiah 52:13—53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1—19:42
- April 1st: Easter Sunday** Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18

Pansies are one of the oldest cultivated flowers in history
 In the language of flowers, the pansy represents thoughts of lovers





Youth Activities and Family Fellowship



Sunday School Teaching Schedule for 10am Services:

March 4 th :	Samantha Cherie	March 11	Sheryl Cherie
March 18 th :	No Sunday School – Bishop Visitation	March 25 th	Sheryl Cornelia

- ~ Wed. March 7th at 7pm: Youth Group
- ~ Wed. March 14th at 7pm: Youth Group
- ~ Wed. March 21st at 7pm: Youth Group
- ~ Wed. March 28th: No Youth Group (SPRING BREAK)

SPAGHETTI DINNER AND TALENT SHOW

Great Servers—Our Youth—Great Talent—Our St. Bart's Family





SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER



A willing set of cooks
and a super turnout =
GREAT SUCCESS

The Iris was named after the Greek Goddess who is considered the messenger of love and uses the rainbow to travel.



TEAM COLE – WALK * FOR * SIGHT

When: April 21st 11AM

Where: St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

Lunch to Follow!

Help us give the Gift of Sight



March Birthdays

- 1 – Adam Cason
- 16 – Lisa Rhan
- 16 – Alex Scianimanico
- 21 – Cole Diepersloot
- 23 – Jane Woodward

Anniversaries in March



- 6 – Richard & Cornelia Swann
- 8 – Ken & June Hornby
- 19 – Jason & Rosina Dennis

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



Chalice Bearers/Acolytes - March

- 3/4 – Gregg/ Gabby
- 3/11 – Maggie/ Sam
- 3/18 – Wes/ Gabby
- 3/25 – Annette/ Sam

Lay Readers - March



- 3/4 – Margaret Palmer
Stefanie Sauble
 - 3/11 – Sam Shiver
Debra Wright
 - 3/18 – Gregg Pelfrey
Beth Treese
 - 3/25 – Gabby Harris
Gregg Pelfrey
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St. Bartholomew's is now part of AmazonSmile Charities! Log onto your SmileAmazon account and under account information, select St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, High Springs, and FL. as your charity organization of choice. Amazon will donate 0.5% of each purchase to St. Bart's. Or the following link will take you directly to smile.amazon.com in support of St. Bart's.

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PLEDGE MESSAGE

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.

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**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 # _____

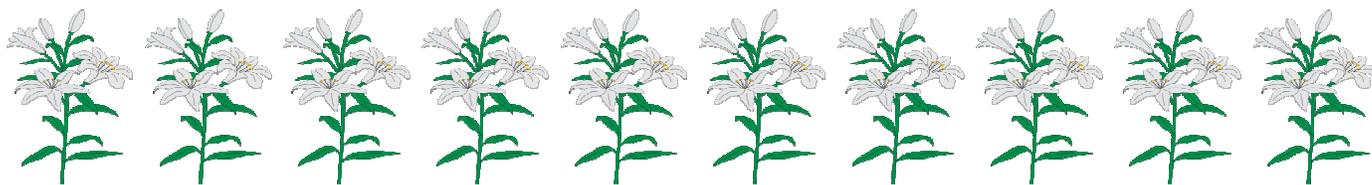
General Information

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

Lilacs symbolize a new found love and also signifies the love between a mother and child.



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.