

# Bartholo Newsings

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## -----Vicar's Message-----

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

*Alleluia the Lord is Risen!*

Easter at St. Bartholomew's was a wonderful celebration for the Risen Lord. The members and guests numbered over a hundred. Putting the numbers aside I also found our church Spirit filled in our worship. There is something about St. Bart's that shows the love of Christ in our gathering. I am also very happy to see new faces in our congregation. If you are one of new comers let me say "Welcome". I think you will find St. Bart's to be a great place to make new friends and experience the presence of our Lord.

Easter brings to our attention that death is no longer a mystery and something to be feared. Christ destroys the fear and the mystery by showing us that He will see that we do not die but transition (or rise) to a new life awaiting us in the new creation that the Father has made for us. Easter also shows us that Jesus lives and is present with his followers always. It is great to have God there to help guide us throughout our daily lives. Jesus lifts us out of darkness and gives us purpose to fulfill our dreams.

We are moving towards summer that means get ready for VBS and Summer Camp programs. My support for church and Diocese youth programs is as strong as ever. I believe in the traditional approach to growing through experience and teaching. There are no short cuts or fast track to this process that may be a disappointment to some but this process produces responsibility and respect for seniors and authority. Our focus on giving our youth these opportunities will someday bring great benefits to the work that Christ will call them to do. We are blessed in this Diocese with many youth programs and in our church with the work of Cherie Harris and Carol Ellis.

In our May Mission Board meeting we will be kicking off our discussion of projects for our church. One project is the building of a columbarium and outside worship site. If you have any thoughts on this or would be willing to work in the development of this idea please contact our Senior Warden or myself.

In closing I want to thank all the helping hands that make our little church a great church for our Lord's work. I enjoy so much being with you on Sundays and am thankful to our Lord for letting me become a part of your lives.

Have a blessed Easter Season, fr lance+



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**Editor's Note**

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

**Deadline for next issue is May 21<sup>st</sup>.**

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This month is a "pictorial issue" with pictures to highlight all the wonderful activities in which St. Bartholomew's congregation is involved. Enjoy!

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## Hostess List for May



May 7th – Pot Luck

May 14th – Cornelia

May 21st – Marge/ Stephanie

May 28th – Jane/ Lisa

Note: If you would like to volunteer to provide a light snack and drink, please contact Cornelia Swann

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### *Birthdays*



### *Anniversaries*



May 3 – Ella Hansen

10 – Beth Horne

11 – Alyssa Moomaw

Pete Woodward

14 – Gayle Schiller

17 – Andy Lorincz

20 – Nell Johnston

May 23 – Ed & Sheryl Shiver

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

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## ☞☞ Lessons for May ☞☞

**May 7<sup>th</sup>** : Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

**14<sup>th</sup>** : Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

**21<sup>st</sup>** : Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:7-18; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

**28<sup>th</sup>** : Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36; 1 Peter 4:12-14—5:6-11; John 17:1-11

## Walk For Sight – TEAM COLE 2017



Each year support gets bigger! Over 40 friends and family walked this year in TEAM COLE



### Register Now for Summer Camp

We're excited to announce that for the 2017 Summer, you can get more Camp Weed! If your camper can't make the grade-appropriate session, we'll allow them to choose the session above or below their designated week.

If your camper wants more Camp Weed, the same applies! Campers are welcome to attend the session for their grade and come back (or come before!) to experience TWO WEEKS of Camp Weed.

	Grades	Dates	Cost*
Session 1 (Senior Session)	Rising 10-12th	June 18-24	\$475
Session 2	Rising 9th	June 25-July 1	\$475
Session 3	Rising 7th and 8th	July 9-15	\$475
Session 4	Rising 5th and 6th	July 16-22	\$475
Session 5	Rising 2nd, 3rd, and 4th	July 23-27	\$365

\*Register by April 15 to get \$25 off and receive a FREE early registration t-shirt (different from our regular camp shirt).





Mrs. Cherie, Chloe, Raiven & Gabby worked on "The Episcopal Church Welcomes You" signs by Tillman Acres & Winn Dixie. They shined up the signs and painted the posts all the way to the tippy tops.



## Youth Activities and Family Fellowship



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

May 7 <sup>th</sup> :	Cherie Sheryl	May 21 <sup>st</sup> :	Cherie Betty
May 14 <sup>th</sup> :	Ben Deb	May 28 <sup>th</sup> :	Cornelia Ben

Upcoming Children & Youth Events:

- ~ Wed. May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Staff Training for VBS at 7pm
- ~ Wed. May 10<sup>th</sup> – Set & Music Prep for VBS at 7pm
- ~ Wed. May 17<sup>th</sup>– Set & Music Prep for VBS at 7pm
- ~ Wed. May 24<sup>th</sup> – Set & Music Prep for VBS at 7pm
- ~ Wed. May 31<sup>st</sup> – Set & Music Prep for VBS at 7pm

**We need YOU** for our **Maker Fun Factory Team!!** If you want to have fun being a kid again, singing catchy music, hearing Bible stories in a new way, and doing awesome science experiments that bring you closer to God, then sign up for **St. Bart's VBS!** The dates are June 26-30 from 5-8pm.



Chalice Bearer/ Acolyte - May

Lay Readers - May



5/7 - Wes/ Sam

5/7 - Beth Treese  
Sam Shiver

5/14 - Gregg/ Gabby

5/14 - Carol Ellis  
Evelyn Walden

5/21- Margaret/ Sam

5/21- Margaret Palmer  
Tracie Halbrook

5/28 - Annette/ Gabby

5/28 - Stephanie Sauble  
Gregg Pelfrey



# Abbreviated Gardening

By Lisa Rhan

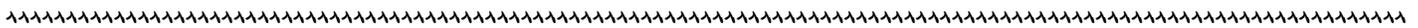
The onset of spring temperatures and greening of the trees induces spring fever along with the eager desire to see growth and progress in the garden.

A gardener’s first yearning is for proper gardening—you know, pull weeds, dig large holes for spacious acceptance of the new plant’s root ball, add a little peat moss to retain moisture and water with a bit of plant food mix. Oh, don’t forget topping off with a bit of mulch.

However, more often than not, busy-schedule time restraints prohibit proper gardening techniques, and the hurried gardener settles for an abbreviated form of gardening: dig a quick hole, insert plant, apply plain water and hope for the best. In doing so, the gardener may settle for less but *does not settle for nothing!* Flowers get planted. The garden moves forward.

Similarly, the same hurried gardener finds many times that an abbreviated form of study takes place in the spiritual garden, the Bible study life. Quality time reading and studying, looking up Scripture references, exploring different Bible versions, reflecting on the Word and meditating with an open mind get bumped by the same busy-schedule time constraints. Moreover, the lurking temptation is if there is no quality time to spend, then don’t spend any time at all. Well, that certainly does not have to be the case! Therefore, although not a substitute for quality Bible study, sometimes an abbreviated form of study can save the gardener from no study at all.

Let me share an abbreviated method that works for me. On busy work days, I leave the house at 7:00 am sharp, having somehow slyly convinced myself that I must leave at that time or be late for work. However, this trick actually has me arriving in the parking lot twenty minutes early. And, this is when that handy little publication appropriately named “Forward Day by Day” gets put to use. Accordingly, I spend a little time reading the daily passage and looking up one or two (not all!) of the Scripture references. I (quickly) think of one way the message applies to me, (quickly) say thank you to God (I know He understands!), and off I go to my job. In doing so, I may not have spent super-quality study time, but it was time! And like the gardener in the flower garden, *I did not settle for nothing.* I did something; I moved forward.

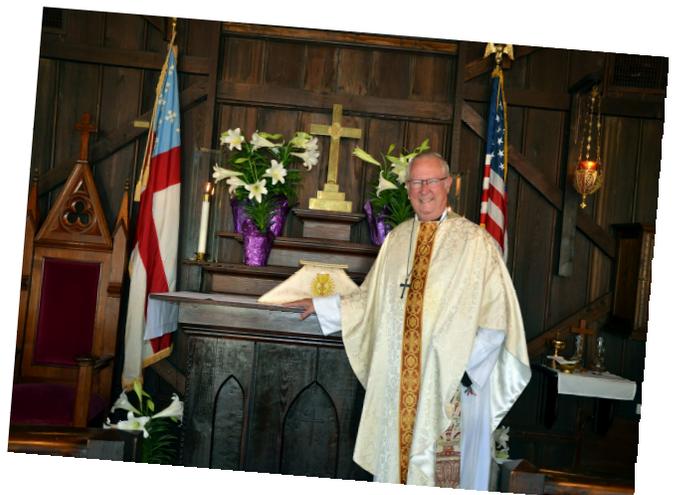


## *Easter at St. Bart’s*



Gloria provided a cross on Easter Morning and all types of live flowers so that everyone could add flowers to decorate the cross. Thank you, Gloria.

Fr Lance on Easter Morning, celebrating our Risen Lord!





*Greetings From the Senior Warden.....* Charles Jones 386-454-8585



St. Bartholomew's Church participated in High Springs Pioneer Days by making our open space into a parking lot. In addition to our Junior Warden, Richard Swann, I would like to give special mention to Curt Tibbitts and Art Moegenberg. They helped me the two full days the "parking lot" was open. Curt set up the parking into rows which enabled us to use every inch of our available space. The picture below is of Curt and me with our guard dog, Gator. See why we were so safe?

God bless, *Chas*

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Let us honor and pray for all our Veteran's and remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country on Memorial Day, May 29<sup>th</sup>.



## Episcopal Edibles



### Vidalia Onion Casserole

2 large onions, sliced  
¾ cup grated sharp Cheddar cheese  
2 eggs, beaten  
1/8 teaspoon pepper  
Dash of cayenne

4 slices of stale white bread (without crust) cubed  
¾ cup rich milk  
¾ teaspoon salt  
Butter or margarine

Parboil onions for 10 minutes. Drain. Place them in a buttered shallow baking dish in layers with bread and cheese. Combine milk, eggs and salt and pepper; pour over top layer; dot with butter. Sprinkle with cayenne. Set dish in pan of hot water, and bake in preheated moderate oven (375 degrees) for forty minutes. Makes 4 servings.

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We wish all of our mothers a  
**BLESSED MOTHER'S DAY FILLED WITH LOVE AND FAMILY!**



#### Mother's Day Acrostic Poem

"M" is for the million things she gave me,  
"O" means only that she's growing old,  
"T" is for the tears she shed to save me,  
"H" is for her heart of purest gold;  
"E" is for her eyes, with love-light shining,  
"R" means right, and right she'll always be,

Put them all together, they spell "MOTHER,"  
A word that means the world to me.