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

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

Cooler days are finally here and it is definitely the season of Thanksgiving. Did you know that across the United States Giving Tuesday will be celebrated on November 27th? Giving Tuesday is an effort to counter the extreme materialism that occurs on Black Friday. There is so much to be said about a thanksgiving offering to God in the ministry of your church. Keeping the work of our Lord high on our giving priority list strengthens our commitment and faith in the Lord. This is the season to be evaluating what is really critical to our lives and how thankful we are for what we have and how an increased gift from us will help advance the ministry of St. Bartholomew's.

I am very happy to see the interest in our adult Bible study and in our Wednesday evening book club. The Wednesday Evening prayer and Eucharist could use a few more in attendance. I want to continue with that service because it provides Eucharist to those that can't make the Sunday service for good reasons. Also please note that I am available on Wednesdays to visit those members that are unable to leave their homes. I've been blessed to have Pete Woodward join me in these visitations and if you would like to join us please let us know.

Thank you to all that are helping and attending our dinner programs. These programs serve to focus on our Baptism vow to continue in the fellowship, to invite others not members of St. Bart's into our family, and to provide an opportunity to serve others. The reason the cost is so low for these programs is because we consider our focus to be important to the future of our ministry. Our next dinner will be the second Tuesday in December 11th. Now is the time to commit to making this event a priority.

November 9-11th is New Beginnings number 8 at Camp Weed for youth in grades 6-8. This is a great opportunity for youth to get started in a church community and to develop special friendships. I will be the clergy "God Squad" for this event. One of the ministries of our church is to make me available at no cost to the camp program to oversee the spiritual life of the program. I thank you and I know the Diocese thanks you. Also note that our church provides scholarships for our youth to attend Diocese functions. This is a good way to attract families with youth to our church.

In closing my prayers go up for all our members to have a great Thanksgiving. Be safe as we move into that period where there is a lot of traffic.

Much love to all 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 November 18th.

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This month we'll have quotes about Beginning by Believing...

“Believe you can, and you can. Belief is one of the most powerful of all problem dissolvers. When you believe that a difficulty can be overcome, you are more than halfway over it already.”

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 Parish 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.



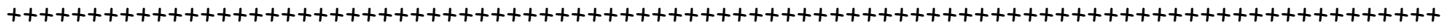
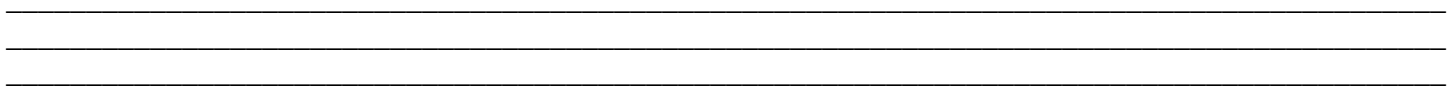
**St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church
2019 Pledge Financial Pledge**

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 \$_____.

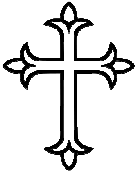
Name: _____ Phone #: _____

General Information

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



They are able who think they are able.



New-sings from the Senior Warden..... Carol Griffin 386-497-2292

Thankful.....

Thanksgiving is a time when our mind is often centered on Food, Family and Football. It should be, and was initially, intended to be a day set aside to thank God for our many blessings. On October 3, 1863, Abraham Lincoln issued the following:

“By the President of the United States of America.

A Proclamation.

The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God.....No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens.....and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union.”

So this Thanksgiving let us all lift our voices in thanks remembering that *“All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee.” 1 Chronicles 29:14*



Hostess List for November



Nov 4 – Cornelia

Nov 11 – Pot Luck (Thanksgiving Feast)**

Nov 18 – Marge/ Betty

Nov 25 – Carol/ Lisa

****Please Contact Cornelia to let her know what you are bringing to the Feast.**

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



One of the greatest of all principles is that men can do what they think they can do.



Thanksgiving Baskets

St. Bartholomew’s is planning on distributing Thanksgiving baskets again this year. We have been in touch with High Springs Fire and Police Departments. Our goal is twenty baskets this year depending on how much food we receive. The donation request list is the same as last year and follows below as a reminder.

The Food Pantry Crew really needs donations of: (This will be for the making of Twenty Thanksgiving Baskets).

- (20) Instant Mashed potatoes
- (20) Cranberry Sauce
- (40) Vegetables – more would be better
- (20) Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix – more would be better
- (20) Canned Pumpkin for pies

Any other food items they would like to donate for the baskets although we try to keep them similar in content. If you prefer to donate cash and we will search out the best deals and shop for you.

We are also looking for donations to include a \$10 gift card to go towards the purchase of a turkey, meat or other protein for the family.

Please make checks out to St. Bartholomew's and write "Thanksgiving Baskets" in the lower left hand corner. Thank you for your support and love.

Rosina Dennis, 386-454-8532

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“The secret of making something work in your life is first of all the deep desire to make it work; then the faith and belief that it can work; then to hold that clear definite vision in your consciousness and see it working out step by step, without any thought of doubt or disbelief.”



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SAVE THE DATES

- Sunday, November 11th**—Thanksgiving Celebration at St. Bart’s. Bring your favorite festive dish and join the feast and fellowship after the 10am services.
- Saturday, December 8th**—High Springs Christmas Parade. Gregg Pelfrey, Chairman of the Float Committee for St. Bart’s will need volunteers in planning and building the float.
- Tuesday, December 11th**—Spaghetti Dinner/ Fundraiser More details will be announced as the date gets closer.



Children's Activities and Family Fellowship



Sunday School Teaching Schedule for 10am Services

Nov. 4 th :	Betty Cherie	Nov 11 th :	Sheryl Cherie
Nov. 18 th :	Cherie Betty	Nov 25 th :	Sheryl Cornelia

Upcoming Children & Youth Events

- ~ Wed. Nov. 7th at 7pm: Youth Group
- ~ Wed. Nov. 14th at 7pm: Youth Group
- ~ Wed. Nov. 21st: No Youth Group – Break!!
- ~ Wed. Nov. 28th at 6pm: Leadership Meeting
7pm: Youth Group

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!! Would you like to assist in the classroom on Sundays, mentor our youth on Wednesdays, drive to different events, donate food or supplies? Let me know how you'd like to take part in our programs and join our team!

“Believe that life is worth living, and your belief will help create the fact.”



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“Whether you believe you can do a thing or believe you can't, you're right.”

Godwink THE SMILE OF THE SAD-FACED CLOWN

Stasia Kelly was in shock.

She sat on the plane bound from Denver to Sarasota, gazing at the picture of her father on the front page of the morning newspaper. "Emmett Kelly, World's Most Famous Clown, Dead at 80."

She looked at her father's famous countenance--the sad-faced hobo, Weary Willie. That was his trademark. All the other clowns in the circus wore wide grins. But Willie's sad face was so compelling, so endearing, it made him stand out.

Stasia's mind raced to the night before. The phone conversation with her dad was out of character. He was so talkative--so unusually expressive as he reminisced about his life.

For twenty years he had performed with Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus. Despite the adoration of the crowds, it was a solitary life. For when the tent went down and he boarded the train for the next town, he was all alone. His only family was the circus.

Then in his fifties, he caught sight of Evi, Stasia's mom. She was a tiny-wasted acrobat from Germany. He was smitten right away.

"As Weary Willie, I would amble over to the ring where she was performing and pretend to fall asleep," recalled her dad over the phone. "But what I was really doing was lifting one eye so I could catch a glimpse of your beautiful mother." He giggled.

Stasia's dad told her it took him a while to work up the courage to ask Evi to marry him. "But it was the happiest day of my life," said her dad, "except for the day you were born."

Stasia noted the change in his voice as he began to talk about that day.

She had long known the family legend. Her sad-faced father- Weary Willie- so carefully guarded his trademark face that he never allowed himself to be caught smiling in a photograph.

Except for that one time.

Her father recalled the significance of that day. During a publicity interview with a UPI photographer, the phone rang. It was Evi's doctor.

"Congratulations! You're the father of a baby daughter," said the doctor. Involuntarily Weary Willie's face burst into a hug smile--from ear to ear.

That picture of the sad-faced clown smiling, the photographer's best shot ever--A GODWINK itself--went around the world to newspapers everywhere.

Stasia's father seemed overjoyed every time he told the story.

Turning from the airplane window, Stasia looked down at the picture of her father on the front page of another newspaper she'd grabbed to bring with her at the last minute--an old yellowed newspaper with a photo of Weary Willy. The one and only one that caught him smiling.

Notwithstanding all the times she'd seen it before she now had a sudden understanding; it struck her what he was smiling about.

HER!

Her arrival into his life!

Quietly, Stasia began to cry.

A man seated next to her, leaned over. He asked if she was all right.

"Yes," she whispered. "My father died this morning." Pointing to the picture in her lap.

The man's face turned ashen.

"You're not going to believe this!" he stammered. "I was with your father the day you were born. I took that picture!"

Stasia looked at him, puzzled.

"I'm Frank Beatty. The UPI photographer. That was the only picture ever taken of you dad smiling."

Instantly, a peace flowed over her. It was as though this incredible **WINK** from God was delivered at this very moment to bring comfort, that her daddy was at God's side--looking down on her.

Stasia Kelly and Frank Beatty became close friends. Five years later, he was the photographer who took her wedding pictures when she became Mrs. Steve Woodburn.



At the wedding, they talked about one other GODWINK. Emmett Kelly died of a heart attack on the most important day of the year for any clown—March 28th, the day the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus always opened its annual show at Madison Square Garden in New York.

From Squire Rushnell's Book.

God's Accuracy is Indisputable

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When God solves our problems, we have faith in His abilities.

When God doesn't solve our problems immediately, He has faith in *our* abilities.

We can observe God's accuracy in the simple hatching of eggs:

-those of the canary in 14 days;

-those of the barnyard hen in 21 days;

-those of ducks and geese in 28 days;

-those of the mallard in 35 days;

-the eggs of the parrot and the ostrich hatch in 42 days.

(Notice, they are all divisible by seven, the number of days in a week.)

Consider God's wisdom in the making of an elephant:

The four legs of this great beast all bend forward in the same direction.

No other quadruped is so constructed.

God planned that this animal would have a huge body-- too large to live on two legs.

For this reason He gave it four fulcrums so that it can rise from the ground easily.

The horse rises from the ground on its 2 front legs first.

A cow rises from the ground on its 2 hind legs first.

How wise the Lord is in all His works of Creation!

Further,

Each watermelon has an even number of stripes on the rind.

Each orange has an even number of segments.

Each ear of corn has an even number of rows.

Each stalk of wheat has an even number of grains.

Every bunch of bananas has on its lowest row an even number of bananas, and each row decreases by one...so that each has an even number, and the next row an odd number.

The waves of the sea roll in on shore twenty-six to the minute in all kinds of weather.

All grains are found in even numbers on the stalks.

Our God is an awesome God!

NEWS FLASH from Ben Hill Hurricane Relief

As many of you may remember several of us at St. Bart’s assisted with hurricane Katrina relief and cleanup efforts. I registered with the Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast to help with Michael cleanup. October 17th I’m heading up with Joe Chamberlain to deliver a truckload of water to an Episcopal Church and get a firsthand look at what we can possibly do in the coming weeks. If anyone is interested in making a mission trip with me let me know. It’s a wonderful, life-changing experience.

Ben

Here’s a joke from Ben:

Drugs got me into church. My mother drug me to church and dad drug me to Sunday school every week.

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A Prayer for November

At this time of Thanksgiving
We thank You, Lord,
For the document that drew
Thirteen quibbling states into
One firm and stalwart republic.
Just as You tempered the wills
of those gathered in that
City of Brotherly Love,
Give us patience and wisdom
So that we may continue to be
Strongly united—
As families, as a nation,
As brethren in Your name.



German Festival, October 20th

