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Hearing Every Voice: St. Bartholomew's Parish Dialogue

Your St. Bartholomew's vestry has begun the process of calling Father Carl Edwards' successor. Canon Hunn of the NC Episcopal Diocese provided guidance, including a framework for conducting the search. Very broadly, the congregation, with the vestry providing direction, will produce a parish profile. The profile will serve as a means for communicating to potential candidates what St. Bartholomew's is all about.

It is very important that every voice be heard as we gather information for the profile. To this end, the vestry is planning a vitally important forum for Sunday June 6. On that day, St. Bartholomew's will hold a single, combined service of the Holy Eucharist starting at 9:15 am (no 8 am and no 10:30 am service). The service will enclose a forum consisting of small group sessions facilitated by vestry members and lasting no more than 90 minutes. During these sessions, three questions will be posed, discussed and, in the spirit of hearing every voice, all responses will be written down for later compilation and inclusion in the information for the profile.

All persons are urged to attend on June 6th. What you have to say really matters.

From Our Vicar

This summer I will offer a series of eight lunchtime discussions on the following Sundays: June 13, 20, and 27; July 11 and 18; August 2, 9, and 16. They are for anyone and everyone who wants to attend and especially for anyone wanting formally to be received into the Episcopal Church. Each session will begin at about 12:00 noon as the coffee hour winds down. Each will last about one hour. The conversation will be free flowing, depending on the interests of those attending including myself. Somewhere underneath will be the constant question of how biblical thought and our central Christian teachings connect with the everyday lived experience of us all. Food -- the eatable kind -- will also be available for those who want it, and any healthful contributions from those attending will be gratefully received.

Yours in Christ,
Carl

Special Offering for Community Luncheon

The Vestry has requested a special offering to support our wonderful Thursday Community Luncheon program. The date for this has been set for June 13. So whether you attend the 8:00 a.m. service or the 10:30 a.m. service on that day, please come prepared to make a generous offering of support which will be received separately from our usual offering to support our general parish program.

Postcard from the pews

Dear St. Bartholomew;

“Prepare the way of the Lord!” And remember the feast day of St. John the Baptist on June 24th. Eat some honey on that day in remembrance of John, and all who have been messengers of the Lord.

I hope you enjoyed the ringing of the bell choir on Mother’s Day as much as I did! Thanks go to Susan Sipal who has a particular gift for Christian Formation in all kinds of ways with our youth, including founding and directing the bell choir. I look forward to hearing the bell choir again soon and very soon!

Our prayers go out to our homebound and ill parishioners, especially Steve Jenkins, who began a series of radiation treatments for bone cancer recently. Steve, we hold you in our hearts, and you know better than many that our Lord is holding you in the palm of his great big hand.

One of our parishioners and church volunteers, Aleacia Fisher, is in need of weekly rides to the grocery store. Aleacia recently lost the aid of her driver, and as many of you know, relies on an electric chair to get around. If you are able to pick up Aleacia at Walnut Grove on your way to the Piggly Wiggly, please call the church office and we will get you in touch with Aleacia. AND, if you happen to know of a serviceable used car that is available, please consider donating it to a very worthy family! Call the church office for more details, please.

The Community Lunch is struggling this year as a result of the recession and an increase in guests. Last year, there were several one-time large donations, which we have not received this year. Our increase in guests has made additional stove space necessary. Thanks to Pierce Cassedy, Herb Reed, and Larry Williams (a member of New Salem Baptist Church and a weekly volunteer at the Community

Lunch) for scooping out details on a second stove, and thanks to Vernon Cheek for his offer of free electrical work. As of the publication of this letter, we MAY have the new stove installed! Come and look! Come and eat! There are many volunteers from the larger community helping every Thursday. Come and meet some of your brothers and sisters in Christ!

Regarding Christian Formation, our thanks go again to Sara Wilson whose loving and tireless ministry with the teens and the teen choir have enlivened and enriched our congregational life. We look forward to hearing more from the teens this year!

Richard Church has accepted an invitation to lead the Adult Bible Study for June and July. His topic will be “ethics”, and is bound to be interesting and informative, with Richard’s dual background in theology and law. Even if you have not participated in Adult Bible Study so far, you are welcome to attend one or all of these sessions, held from 9:30-10:20 every Sunday. This is a lively group, where all are teachers, and all hold a piece of the truth. Richard’s sessions begin on June 13, as June 6 will be a single service special day of congregational dialogue and prayer.

If you are not able to catch Richard’s sessions between services this summer, you have an opportunity to discuss the faith journey with another of our wise young brothers in Christ, Carl Edwards! Our vicar is offering a series after the 10:30 services during June, July and August. Or, for an especially elucidating day, attend both!

Thanks always to Dave Haman who leads the primary kids in learning about the Bible and how the Scriptures come alive in our lives. I have watched Dave in action with the kids, and must say that he is an unflappable imaginative minister of formation.

Thanks to June Dixon, who is the beloved “grandmother” to our littlest ones during the 10:30 service. June, we all love you! Thanks for all you have done for our kids and for us in the name of Jesus!

Congratulations to our two high school graduates this year, Carina Cassedy and Julia Haman. We will miss you both, and look forward to seeing you on REGULAR visits to St. Bartholomew’s. We love you!

And finally, thanks and kudos to all the parents

who get their kids to church on a regular basis (we know it's sometimes hard!) to hear the Word of the Lord in so many different ways. May God's peace be always with you, even as you are running out the door!

We will be resuming regularly scheduled Adult Bible Study in August with a three-month study of the Psalms, led by yours truly. And I am truly yours, in Christ.

Walk in peace,
Karen Ladd

Vestry meetings in May

At its May 13 and 17 meetings, the Vestry

- Agreed to appropriate sufficient funds for the purchase of an additional stove top for the kitchen, these funds to be reimbursed in whole or in part from the Community Kitchen's planned yard sale. (Note: in fact the yard sale made a sufficient income to do the reimbursing.)
- Asked that a special offering for the support of the Community Lunch be received on some Sunday in the near future chosen by the Vicar.
- Welcomed Lisa Worster, Chair of the Search Committee of the Church of the Holy Family in Chapel Hill. Lisa described the process used by her Committee for gathering information from their congregation to include in the profile they prepared of their parish for use in their search for the next rector.

Notes of appreciation

- To Sara Wilson for being our preacher on May 25, 2010
- To Karen Ladd for arranging for special carnations on May 9
- To the Rev. Ralph for being the supply priest at our two services of worship on May 16.
- To those who read the lesson from Acts about the Day of Pentecost on May 23 including Valerie Scotton (English), Bob Willis (Russian), Carolyn Ashford-Works (French), Liz Crowley (Italian), Susan and Lora Sipal (Turkish), Janet Edwards (Spanish), Grace Guo (Chinese), and Carl Edwards (German).

- To Lyn Sims for arranging for special flowers on our altar for the Day of Pentecost on May 23
- To Skip London for serving as chair and faithful sheepdog for our Building Team

CORA

Please keep up the good work of bringing in non-perishable foods for the CORA baskets each week. Our hungry Chatham County neighbors are very grateful! The following items are most needed: **Regular sized cans of black beans, pork and beans, vegetables, soups of all kinds, canned fruits and dry cereals.**

Of course, checks are welcomed as well. They can be made out to St. Bartholomew's with "CORA" in the memo line.

Your paper bags are always needed – with or without handles as well as plastic bags in good condition. These may also be dropped off at the CORA baskets. At this point, we do not need your egg cartons, but will let you know if this changes. Thank you, Saints!

Sally Earnest

From The Social Concerns and Outreach Team

Thank you, saints, for your generous Easter offerings to the Weekend Fuel-Up Program for Chatham Youth. We raised a total of \$1,715.51 to help make certain that the children of our county will have a healthy future.

Prayer List as of May 25

Our Members

Lee Bennett • Nan Capaldi • Cassedy Family • Jeff Clayton • Kathy Cordrey • Kit Donner • Bill and Virginia Dudenhausen • Aleacia Fisher • Harvey and Nancy Harman • Mary Phyllis Horn • Steve Jenkins • Patricia McCarthy • Candice Nickerson • Valerie Scotton • Lyn Sims • Xavier Smith • Dorothy Ugurlu • Dianne Venable • Paul Volk • Wilson Family

Our Family and Friends

Dan and Joyce Arrasmith • Pam and Jay Bagdis • Angela Baker • Dave Bamberg • Joan Belden • Suzan Bell • David Benson • Matt, Mary, and

Walter Berg • Ann Bickel • Sarah and Marion Briggs
• Thomas Broadway • Phyllis Burns • John Capehart
• Helen Chandler • Roy and Theresa Church • Toni
Constant • Phil Cowan • Eli Davis • Kevin Delaney •
Linelle Dickenson • Maggie Douglas • Mike and
Jessica Elliot • Tish Faust • Cheryl Flicker • Tom and
Nancy Foster • Holland Gains • Chad Gantt • Wesley
and Niki Garrett • Erin Gloster • Lee Griffin •
Richard and Janice Ham • Marion Hamrick • Gladys
Harris • Katherine Haworth • Gary and Cindy
Hogman • Steve Hollenback • Natalie Horton •
Mildred Humphrey • Gina Jessup • Bill Johnson •
Carol Kivett • Alice Kopfler • Jennifer Krantz •
Ernest Langley • John and Van Lochner • Kirsten
McDaniel • Kevin Miller • Fern Mignon • Geraldine
Moore • Ruth Morgans • Charlotte Owen • David
Perkinson • Manfred Piper • Don Raleigh • Evelyn
Raynor • John Reed and Heather Park • Christina
Roche • Betsy Rupe and Family • Annie Schoonover
• Sandy Seaton • Billie Sessoms • Andy Sheehan •
Peg Shenton • Kaye Sloan • Mary, Cameron, and
Adalyn Smith • Melissa Ste. Marie • Tammy Steffey
• Vicki and Doyle Stout • Bob Swagerty • Erin
Tallman • Margo Tesch • Barry Tensor • Andi, John,
and Jess Thomas • Tyshun Tinnen • David Townsend
• Windy Troudeau • Del Turner • Jim VanLeeuwen •
Esther Volk • Jim and Sharon Walters • Charles and
Vicky Ward • Alexis Wise

06/26 Marjorie Hudson
06/28 Skip London, IV

Military and All in Harm's Way

Andrew Alotis • Ryan Baker • Sarah and Chris
Burlee • Peggy Davidson • Colin Foote • Douglas
Gates • Amanda Pabye • William Phillips • Andrew
Pryor

May Birthdays

06/04 Ann Thomas
06/06 Micky Hester
07/07 Linky Betts
Turner Whitted
06/09 Julia Baker
06/12 Ken Duffy
06/13 Judy Wiggs
06/14 Karen Davidson
Kit Donner
06/18 Bettina Patterson
06/22 Dennis Gavin
Isaac Cassedy
06/23 Jo Snelling
06/24 Mary Frances Scholle

June

| <i>Sun</i> | <i>Mon</i> | <i>Tue</i> | <i>Wed</i> | <i>Thu</i> | <i>Fri</i> | <i>Sat</i> |
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| 6 9:15 Holy Eucharist including Parish Dialogue 1:00 Cambridge Hills Eucharist | 7 | 8 | 9 7:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting | 10 12:00 Community Lunch 2:30 Chatham County Home School | 11 | 12 |
| 13 8:00 & 10:30 Holy Eucharist 9:15 Bible Study 12 noon: Hot Theology with the Vicar | 14 | 15 | 16 6:30 West Chatham Disciples | 17 12:00 Community Lunch | 18 | 19 |
| 20 8:00 & 10:30 Holy Eucharist 9:15 Bible Study 12 noon: Hot Theology with the Vicar | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 12:00 Community Lunch | 25 | 26 |
| 27 8:00 & 10:30 Holy Eucharist 9:15 Bible Study 12 noon: Hot Theology with the Vicar | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |
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