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From Our Vicar

Out of the Wilderness into the tomb and beyond Throughout the Lenten season we have explored the idea of what is involved in living with Jesus in the wilderness. As we come to Palm Sunday we will leap forward to join him as he enters the city of Jerusalem where he will spend the last few days of his life and, toward the end, suffer betrayal by Judas, denial by Peter, desertion by the rest of his disciples, rejection by the religious authorities, humiliation by Pilate, and death at the hands of Roman soldiers. We will watch from a distance (2000 years?) as Joseph of Arimathea arranges for his body to be removed from the cross, wrapped in a linen cloth, and buried in a tomb across the opening of which a massive stone is rolled and sealed shut. Toward the end we will remember him, in the words of the Apostles' Creed, as "crucified, dead, and buried." Toward the end? What end? His crucifixion, death, and burial are hardly the end. They're much more like the beginning, so packed with mysterious power as to explode like the big bang into a million, billion, trillion stars. Not even our distance of 2000 years is sufficient for us to explain the wonder of it all: the transformative power of life over death, of hope over despair, of love over any form evil chooses to take. The negation of the cross is supplanted by the affirmation of the resurrection. The Word that was with God in the beginning has – and is -- the last Word as well. It's the Easter acclamation. "Alleluia! Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia"

A Thank You as I Announce my Retirement

I am now in my fourth year of service as Vicar of St. Bartholomew's Church. Across these years I have been increasingly impressed with the many strengths of this congregation, including your welcoming nature, your commitment to inclusiveness, your deep support of outreach in various forms, and your adventurous spirit in identifying, affirming, and cooperating with our companions in ministry in the Pittsboro community. It is an enormous privilege to serve this congregation. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to do so and for your encouragement and support along the way. Thank you, too, for providing me with such a good team of paid assistants: John Simons, Karen Ladd, Carolyn Ashford-Works, Jo Snelling, and Maryphyllis Horn. Most importantly, thank you for the strong lay leaders who are the backbone of this congregation.

I told the Vestry on March 20 and those who attended worship on March 21 that I intend to retire from my position as Vicar no later than January 31, 2011. In the time before I actually retire we still have much good work and play to do together to the glory of God and the well-being of our community, us included. I am looking forward to it.

Yours in Christ,
Carl

Bag it and Tag It

...for St. Bartholomew's Fall Tag/Garage Sale. We're asking you to remember that plans for the Fall St. Bart's Tag/Garage Sale are in full swing. Many of us will be doing Spring Clean-Up. As you sort through your belongings, remember that we can use those "treasures" that you no longer want or need for the Sale. Remember what organizational experts say, "If you haven't used it in two years, you don't need it!"

Susan Turner has agreed to pick up anything you'd like to donate and store it on her property until the day of the sale. Give her a call at: 919-542-2027. Thank you, Saints!

Saint Bartholomew's Spring Festival

Our annual Spring Festival will be held on Sunday, May 2nd after the 10:30 service. Our partners in mission at Staunton Memorial CME Church will be joining us to rock out to the sounds of Saludos Compay, the Latin band featuring Cuban music. St. Bart's will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks.

What we need from you:

- ❖ covered dishes to serve 8
- ❖ help with set-up
- ❖ help with break-down

Please see Linky Betts or Jim Hinkley if you have any questions

CORA

Lord, when did we see you hungry and not feed you? St. Bart's tries very hard to recognize who it is that we are feeding through our outreach of food ministries. Please continue the good work by bringing non perishable food items each week for the CORA baskets. The following items are most needed:

40 oz. bags of multi purpose baking mix, regular sized cans of black beans, pork and beans, vegetables, soups of all kinds, canned fruits, dry cereal, and 1# bags of dry beans (black, pinto and black eyed peas).

Your paper bags are always needed – with or without handles as well as plastic bags in good condition. These can 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

Time, Team and Talent

Each month, we would like to feature a short article on one of the many teams it takes to keep St. Bart's the vital, welcoming community that it is. This month we are featuring the **Altar Guild**.

The Altar Guild's task is to prepare the altar and the area around it (the sanctuary) for all worship services. We work in teams, on a monthly basis, as well as Saturday meetings twice a year for extra cleaning and polishing before Easter and Christmas. If you've been to any church service recently, altar guild members have helped to make that go smoothly.

It used to be that members were only women, but that was at least thirty years ago. We welcome both men and women, although women appear to be braver in this area, even though several men have been asked!

If you have an interest in helping, the tasks vary from polishing the altar rail to setting out the bread and wine for communion. We welcome all of you.

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Special Offering on Easter Sunday

On Easter Sunday, a special offering envelope will go to Siler City's W. Chatham Food Pantry, to help fund the weekend supplemental food program "*Fuel Up*." Teachers have identified over 300 children who need food to take home on the weekends; yet, only 180 can be helped. Please consider a generous gift. If you cannot attend on Easter, we gladly accept your check to St. Bartholomew's with W. Chatham Food Pantry on the memo line.

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April Birthdays

04/01 Bob Willis
04/02 Shaqwan Epps
04/03 Ann Broadway
04/05 Claire McClintock
04/07 Eddie Sanders
04/08 Tyshun Tinnen
04/09 Dan Clower
04/13 Rolf Lynton
04/18 Betty Gatrell
04/20 Sukru Ugurlu
04/23 Lochlan Haddix
04/24 Diane Keasler
04/26 Eli Harman
04/28 Suz Seitz
Sam Hudson
Eleanor Hawkins

We Hold In Prayer:

Our Members

Lee Bennett • Nan Capaldi • Cassedy Family • Jeff Clayton • Kathy Cordrey • Kit Donner • Bill and Virginia Dudenhausen • Aleacia Fisher • Harvey and Nancy Harman • Steve Jenkins • Candice Nickerson • Robin Rinaldi • Valerie Scotton • Lyn Sims • Dorothy Ugurlu • Dianne Venable • Wilson Family

Our Family and Friends

Family of James Acquaviva • Dan and Joyce Arrasmith • Pam and Jay Bagdis • Angela Baker • Dave Bamberg • Joan and Bob Belden • Suzan Bell • David Benson • Matt, Mary, and Walter Berg • Ann Bickel • Family of Peggy Bream • Sarah and Marion Briggs • Thomas Broadway • Phyllis Burns • Coleman Cassedy • Chad Gantt and Family • Helen Chandler • Roy and Theresa Church • Geneva Cooper • Phil Cowan • Eli Davis • Kevin Delaney • Brenda Denzler • Maggie Douglas • Mike and Jessica Elliot • Tish Faust • Cheryl Flicker • Tom and Nancy Foster • Holland Gains • Tatum Gates • Lee Griffin • Gladys Harris • Katherine Haworth • Gary and Cindy Hogman • Steve Hollenback • Natalie Horton • Mildred Humphrey • Gina Jessup • Penny and 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 and Betty Piper • Don Raleigh • Evelyn Raynor • John Reed and Heather Park • Christina Roche • Sandy Seaton • Billie and Bill Sessoms • Andy Sheehan • Peg Shenton • Mary, Cameron, and Adalyn Smith • Melissa Ste. Marie • Eric Starkey • Tammy Steffey • Family of Pearson Stewart • Joan and John Stoller • Vicki and Doyle Stout • Kathi and Bob Swagerty • Erin Tallman • Barry Tensor • Andi, John, and Jess Thomas • Family of Mel Thomsen • Tyshun Tinnen • Windy Troudeau • Del Turner • Esther Volk • Jim and Sharon Walters • Charles and Vicky Ward • Alexis Wise

Military and All in Harm's Way

Andrew Alotis • Ryan Baker • Sarah and Chris Burlee • Peggy Davidson • Colin Foote • Douglas Gates • Matthew Kreibick • Amanda Pabye • Todd Pegg • William Phillips

April

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