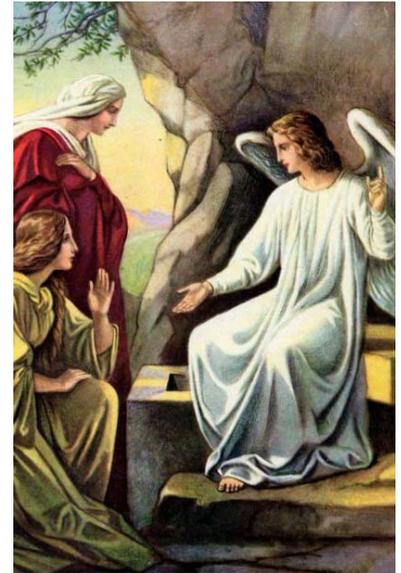


Full Circle



A Monthly Newsletter *Saint Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Livermore, CA.* **April 2014**

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Rector's Reflections

You're Invited!

You may have noticed some changes in our Commissions this year. For example, the "commission formerly known as Communications" is now being called *Invitation*. New vestry member and Junior Warden, Melissa Adkins, is heading up this new Commission, and finding new ways to invite people to visit St. Bart's. We'd also like to *invite* current members to deepen their walk with Christ by participating in more than the usual Sunday services. Attending an evening small group, a Sunday morning Bible study, or volunteering at the food pantry: all of these are wonderful ways to increase our faith and fellowship.

Holy Week—the week preceding Easter—offers some of the most beautiful and ancient opportunities through which to experience God's loving presence. We *invite* you, along with your family, friends and neighbors, to join us! By walking together through all of the Holy Week liturgies, from the pageantry of the Palm Sunday procession (this year with the help of a live donkey borrowed from a local ranch!), through the heartbreaking passion of our Lord on Good Friday, to the telling of our sacred stories in the night of

Holy Saturday, the joy of Easter morning becomes more profound, and more...*joyful!*

This year, consider making the commitment to attend all of these Holy Week services. On Maundy Thursday, join us for an "agape meal," and bring some Mediterranean finger foods to share around the table in the sanctuary. We will pray and participate in the story of Jesus' washing the feet of his disciples, then share Eucharist in the context of a meal with friends.

On Good Friday, come at 12 noon or at 6:30 pm to walk through our Stations of the Cross, carved by Don Homan especially for our Sanctuary, and re-imagined by our Youth Group in new works of art. At 7 pm, hear the passion story and grieve in the presence of the Cross.

The Easter Vigil, celebrated on the Saturday night before Easter Sunday, is the most ancient of liturgies, handed down from the 2nd century church and containing some of our first examples of liturgical movement and theater. Together, we enact some of our most core stories of faith—the Creation, the Flood, the Red Sea—gathered around candles lit from the paschal flame of Easter. Then

we process, chanting a litany of the saints triumphant (including names of those who died in our community this year), over to the Sanctuary, where we knock on the “tomb” door, and are told that Jesus is not dead, but that he has risen! We ring bells and celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter that night. If you’ve never experienced this most holy of liturgies, please consider joining us this year. You’re invited.

*Yours along the way,
Mother Joyce*



Parish Prayer List

Those Needing Prayers:

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| Karen Silliman | Di Coburn |
| Gwen Grimke | Steve Thompson |
| Bill McGuire | Marsha Reiter |
| Tony Chivers | Alicia |
| Teigh Mitchell-Hall | Millie |
| Lisa | Cathy Radosevich |
| Anna Campbell | Jennifer Nelson |
| Suzanne Cocroft | Kip West |
| Bob Reynolds | Jessie Anderson |
| Sue Barber | Beverly Psenak |
| Chris | Mary Gonzales & Family |
| Marge Bevins | Tatiana |
| Emily | Helen Miller |
| Kathy Whalen | Helga Christopherson |
| Larry | Marshall & Sharon Crutcher |

Those in Military Service:

Michael Goudreau, Christopher Weaver, Tommy Moore

Prayer request forms are located in the pews and may be placed in the offering plate or sent to the parish office. An open invitation is extended for personal prayer time with Mother Joyce.

Holy Week Services

April 13 – Palm Sunday

- 10:15 Procession with palms & live donkey
From food pantry to Sanctuary
- 10:30 Choral Eucharist

April 17 – Maundy Thursday

- 7 pm Foot washing service, festive agape meal & Eucharist
- 8 pm Church open for nighttime vigil/prayer

April 18 – Good Friday

- 12 noon Stations of the Cross
- 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross
- 7 pm Eucharist, with reserved sacrament
Sacrament of reconciliation available all day

April 19 – Easter Vigil

- 7 pm Lighting of the Paschal flame
Telling our stories of faith
- 8 pm First Eucharist of Easter

April 20 – Easter Sunday

- 10 am Choral Eucharist (ONE SERVICE)
Egg Hunt & refreshments

What Is Development?

...and why is it being added to the Stewardship Commission? Is it the same as stewardship, or just another word for fundraising? How are these three activities similar and how are they different?

If you have these questions – or others – we encourage you to speak with Thomas Grenville, our new Stewardship Commissioner. Excited to join the vestry for this important work, Thomas is building a new team to help generate the income we need to realize our ministry visions here at St. Bartholomew’s. “This is a great opportunity to help the St. Bart’s community meet the challenges we face today, and to create a lasting legacy for the future,” he says.

As chairperson of the newly-formed Development Committee on the Executive Council, Mother Joyce is thrilled about this topic that she says “has the potential to change and expand the way we think about and ‘do’ Church.” According to Mother

Joyce, “Development is about much more than money. It’s about developing partnerships with foundations, businesses, and community groups to help us more effectively tackle the problems in society about which we are all concerned—hunger, homelessness, illness, isolation. Together, we can do so much more than we can in our separate silos. And by working with the community, the Church will grow and become more diverse and vital.”

On **Sunday April 6**, two of our team members from the Diocesan Office will join us to preach, teach, and pray about understanding Development in today’s Church: **Davey Gerhardt**, the new Development Director, and **Amanda Kiernen**, Major Gifts Officer. Please join us for this inspiring and informative Sunday.

A Constellation of What?!

PARTIES! That’s right, this year you’ll have ten sparkling opportunities for fun, fellowship and fundraising for St. Bart’s. Every month from April to January, we’ll offer a new event

sponsored by a different parishioner. **April 6** will be a Beer Tasting, sponsored by Lanny Thompson; in May, Lou Ann and Cathy will provide “Dinner and Dominoes.” Each event will invite community members and St. Bart’s folks, to reach out and tell our story in different segments of the community.

Here’s how you can get involved: We still need two more parishioners to sign up to offer an event – a meal, a talk, a concert – you decide (let us know if you need ideas!). Once our list is complete, you can go online and indicate which events you’d like to attend, and invite your friends! You can also lend your assistance to those sponsoring events if you like. By raising several hundred dollars at each party, we will contribute several *thousand* dollars to our operating budget over the year. And you will all be fundraising, friend-raising stars!

Please contact Ann Butcher, Events and Hospitality Commissioner, with ideas or questions.

Calendar of Events ~ April 2014

Sunday Worship Services

(except Easter Sunday, 4/20)

8:00am

10:20am

10:30am

Contemplative Eucharist

Godly Play

Sung Eucharist with choir; child care available at 10:15am

Special Events

Wednesdays, Apr. 2 & 9

Lenten Series, “*The Power of Small Choices*” by Hilary Brand

Lounge, Potluck supper at 6 pm, Program at 7 pm, childcare available

Saturday, Apr. 12

Palm Cross Making with the Altar Guild, 9:30 am

Wednesday, Apr. 16

Vestry meeting, Lounge, 7:30pm

Regular Events

Mondays

Book Group, Lounge, 12 Noon – 1:30 pm

Tuesdays

Choir Practice, Church, 7:30 pm

Sundays

Youth Group, 4:00 – 5:30 pm

Editor’s Note: We hope you enjoy the news and community of *Full Circle*. Starting in early May, our newsletter will become a proper e-newsletter, with tidbits and information items with links that readers can click for more information. Please continue to send your news items, photos, articles, and announcements for publication, by email to saint.barts@att.net or to the parish office. We plan to circulate the new electronic version of *Full Circle* on a bi-weekly basis. Please submit time-sensitive materials by the 2nd Friday of the month prior to the desired publication month. Items will be chosen by an editorial committee and may be edited for length or content.



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[History Timeline](#): to learn about the history of our parish

[Calendars](#): to review the date and time of upcoming events and meetings

[Schedules](#): to check whether it is your turn to serve

Sign up to host the [coffee hour](#)

[Pledge Form](#) for our operating budget

Information on current [fundraising campaigns](#)

Check our new [St. Bart's Shopping Mall](#)

Registration forms for [Sunday School](#) and Sunday morning [child-care](#)

St. Bartholomew's Church **FULL CIRCLE** April 2014



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| Rev. Joyce Parry Moore | Rector |
| Rev. Kathy Bradford | Deacon |
| Thomas Yearsley | Music Director |
| Carol Purcell | Senior Warden |
| Melissa Adkins | Junior Warden |
| Cynthia Bird | Altar Guild |
| Abigail Plemmons | Treasurer |
| Steven Chiolis | Youth Leader |

Vestry Members **Commissions**

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| Carol Purcell | Administration & Records |
| Bob Wood | Buildings & Grounds |
| Liz Wilkins | Enrichment |
| Ann Butcher | Hospitality & Events |
| Melissa Adkins | Invitation |
| Deepa Abraham | Social Justice |
| Thomas Grenville | Stewardship & Development |
| Sue Vincent | Worship & the Arts;
Big Heart Garden |
| Dan Moy | |
| Mary Myers | Vestry Clerk |

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