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The Lord Has Risen - Alleluia

Dear Friends,

The Lord has Risen – Alleluia.

I hope this newsletter finds you and yours in good health and spirits.

On Easter Sunday, we greeted each other with the words of joy “Happy Easter!” It was a wonderful chorus on the patio, at the exchange of the peace and as goodbyes were said in the parking lot. I have to admit, Happy Easter greetings arrived in the middle of Lent from some peoples lips, which reminded me of the Merry Christmas greetings before Thanksgiving and in early December. I always wondered why folks could not wait until the Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday and Christmas Eve/Christmas Day respectively. I know now that I was focused on the wrong thing.

While meeting with Najat Kafity during Holy Week, I learned that her late husband, Bishop Samir Kafity, member of our parish over 19 years in his retirement, would greet people on Easter Sunday with the words “The Lord has Risen.” I wonder if I have been an active participant in the watering down of the true focal point of Lent and Holy Week – the resurrection of

our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

When I first entered the ordination process 14 years ago, one of the criteria for consideration was whether you were an Easter person. At first I assumed an Easter person is someone who always is positive, someone who sees a glass half full rather than as half empty. We all have known people were “positive

people” or they became positive after reading books on the power of positive thinking. Reflecting back, I see that I too participated in the watering down of the meaning of Easter People by trying to understand a spiritual state of being with secular explanations.

In my opinion, if you are reading this, the odds are high you are an Easter person. The question is, do others see Easter in you – your lifestyle, words, actions and the choices you make? I have come to appreciate Easter people as persons who embody the resurrection in their life. Not necessarily with any perfection – because Easter people are not perfect, to be perfectly honest.

An Easter person is someone who fully embodies the pain, suffering, hunger, loneliness, and challenges of the people



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and world around them AND who proactively shines light on the Good News of Jesus Christ in those challenges.

On Good Friday, Fr. Chris asked us to seek out, discover, and then embrace our own meaning of the cross and not be subject to a limited, secular understanding of right and wrong – fitting God into a form of judgement made by humans. He testified to his own yearning for God that was above such human ways, and how he discovered such a God in the magnitude of God's compassion, generosity, pursuit of every child of God. Fr. Chris prepared us to embrace a God who could transform how we see, experience and participate in the world today.

At the Easter Vigil service, Mtr. Mary Lynn reminded us that the first apostle, first evangelist, the first messenger that the Lord had Risen was a women named Mary. God revealed himself first to a women. Despite the challenges that would come in her life, she went forth with great joy and spread the Good News not by offering a "Happy Easter", but by proclaiming "the Lord has Risen."

On Easter Sunday, most everyone learned to say "I want to see your resurrection. Show me, and I will believe." I charged us to invest making yourself a human billboard of the resurrection.

By your choices and words, you will proclaim to the world the power of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ AND share your own personal experience of the resurrection.

To be part of St. Bart's today and tomorrow is to join the "Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement." That is to be in the company of imperfect Christians embracing the Risen Lord and sharing it with world. All the while, being Easter People. I offer the final prayer from my Easter sermon, so that you too can begin to see in yourself the Risen Lord.

Bishop Klaus Hemmerle, before his death in 1994, wrote in his Easter letter (printed in Synthesis, April 2017) "I wish each of us Easter eyes, able to perceive:

In death, life
In guilt, forgiveness
In separation, unity
In wounds, glory
In human, God
In God, the human
And in the I, the You."

~The Rev. Mark McKone-Sweet

Stillness of Time – Reflections from a Hospital Window

As I was recently lying in a hospital bed, I found myself reminiscing over the fourteen stations of the Via Dolorosa. I remembered how we started our walk from St. George's Cathedral to the Old City of Jerusalem at the bright and crisp hour of 6 a.m. Our route was such that we stopped at each of the stations through the narrow cobblestone alleys of the city - a city still yawning at the dawn. People starting the normal activities of the day, each headed in a different direction focused on their daily life. A few cats blissfully parading on rooftops curiously eyeing the activities in the streets below. As we stop at each station I find myself reflecting on the images that may very well have occurred two thousand years ago, as Jesus himself, walked this path. I see those staring at us with a sense of awe and wonder, while others with a scornful and apathetic attitude. And that's when I realize the stillness in time. So here I am in a hospital bed in Poway feeling the spiritual journey rather than the physical one. Despite the amazing 'walking' journey of Jerusalem, I find the current spiritual one more powerful and meaningful. As each of us carries our crosses through life, may we appreciate it's true meaning of love, humility, compassion, empathy, justice and peace. Christ is Risen!

~Najat Kafity



RefugeeNet Board Welcomes Liz Mahon

St. Bartholomew's parishioner Liz Mahon joined the Board of Directors for Refugee Net. The Episcopal Refugee Network supports families during their years of adjustment to American life by providing help with documentation and enrolling children at school, along with translation for medical visits and official interviews.

Liz Mahon recalls that . . .
"Attending a presentation at St. Bartholomew's Church by refugee network staff introduced me to the Episcopal Refugee Network in 2011. Two sons grown, I was ready to step out of my suburban comfort zone and into the tutoring program at St. Mark's Church in City Heights. What greeted me were children eager to learn English and glad for help with their homework. My joy is working with other RefugeeNet tutors from all over San Diego county to help provide a positive learning environment."

Congratulations Liz Mahon! Learn more about RefugeeNet or the refugee tutoring program, contact Liz Mahon, Liz Mahon, lmahon55@gmail.com or 858-485-5555



Rebel Study: Rebel Women

Since January, a group of women have gathered for a journey through scripture. We have read stories of women in the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament), and encountered strong, rebellious women. From Eve to Hagar, Abigail to Tamar – the focus on the perspective and experience of women in important biblical stories has allowed us to look anew at stories we were familiar with, and discover stories we had never heard before!

The stories of women in the Bible are often violent and silencing. Reading these texts in a group allows us to ask questions of the text, ask questions of God, and share our experiences with each other. Throughout the Hebrew Bible we discovered how God always stands with the oppressed, the marginalized, the least powerful – often, the women.

Here are some reflections from the group on our time together:

"This Bible study made me feel more centered, and helped me in my faith."

"It helped me have a more open mind toward the Word, and less fear that I won't understand what it means. I have less fear about getting to know God now – it helped me see a different side of God."



"The fellowship has been above and beyond my expectations!"

"I've learned about approaching the text for what it is – myth, narrative, poetry, or otherwise. I didn't realize I was reading everything the same way until we read the Song of Songs [which is a poem]. I've been trying to do that more now – to not just read the Bible for the words, but for what I need it to tell me at the time."

"I've enjoyed getting to know the various characters as people. It's amazing to meet women leaders and peacemakers. I've learned to ask – what are the women saying?"

Want to join in on the fun? The next eight-week series will begin the last week of April, from 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. We will continue studying stories of women in the Bible! Email the Rev. Mary Lynn to join, mlcoulson@stbartschurch.org – all are welcome!



New Flags of Freedom Needed

Have you attended the Memorial Day service? How about Veteran's Day? Have you seen our service flags displayed at various other events when appropriate? If so, you know that they are well used and in need of replacement. Additionally, they are constructed so that they cannot be processed and must remain in the stands. One of the goals for patriotic events is to get our Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts involved in processing the flags.



Our goal is to replace the flags in May before our annual Memorial Day service. We estimate it will cost \$1,500 to procure new American, Military Service, and POW flags. If you'd like to contribute, please put your contribution in an envelope, write Flag Contribution on the envelope, and place it in the collection plate or drop your contribution off in the office. There will be a table on the patio throughout May accepting donations.

~Michael Fuqua

The Connected Church

Recently, I was chatting with a good friend who was one of my former customers and is now an executive for a systems engineering company. The company has more than 30,000 employees and its multibillion-dollar Tech Services business roughly divides evenly between North America, Europe and Asia.

An interesting little tidbit popped into our conversation. He said that last year, 960 people held the title of Digital Director on LinkedIn, and this year, there are more than 3,600.

This news, in turn, sparked a discussion about a recent conference he'd attended and one workshop in particular, Trends in Connectivity offered by Chris Prosper and Will Parkhouse.

Much of their presentation was about how senior executives need to understand Generation Y (Gen Y), for whom life is all about data and all things digital.

Prosper and Parkhouse began their presentation by asking if the executives in the room had a corporate environment that was attractive to Gen Y. Then they offered some insights about this demographic.

Gen Y wants a voice and employers must provide the environment, opportunities and a forum for this voice to be heard. They get frustrated by different obstacles than do Gen Xers - who generally are loyal and comfortable with fixed and variable compensation rewards. Gen Y, on the other hand, is not driven by compensation carrots, and is not motivated by climbing the corporate ladder to higher management levels.

Gen Y needs change, challenge and evolution. They want to create the next new thing. If it becomes obvious that their company cannot provide this, they will pack up and leave, sometimes en masse -- whole departments at once, like lemmings skittering off a sinking ship.

But here's what struck me most about my conversation with my friend. Gen Y, and most of the rest of us, have developed one overriding, overarching, all-important value. And that value is connectivity.

This came through again and again in our conversation. The need to be connected, and to check our connection, looms over anything else.

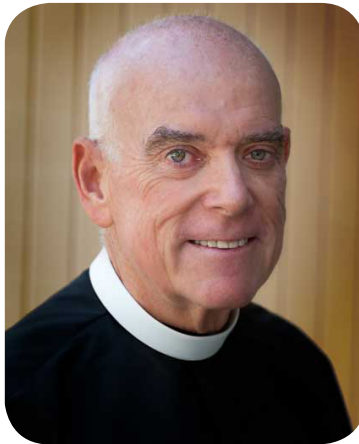
Connectivity, while the be-all and end-all for Gen Y, is a value that crosses generations and cultures.

Our desire for connectivity trumps even our need to stay married, engaged or in a relationship. Perhaps that's overstated, but some studies show that cell phone usage in social interactions is a huge turnoff and can lead to significant

altercations. This behavior is now identified by the neologism "phubbing," a portmanteau of "phone" and "snubbing." If you check Instagram like a hundred times while out with your girlfriend, and you do this every time you're with her, it's likely to be sayonara, unless she, too, is doing the same thing. Mutual phubbing is very common.

Who would have thought that a smartphone could be what the authors of one study call a "relationship buster"?

The thirst for connectivity, however, is moving past one's smartphone to one's car. This is the view of many people in the automotive field as well as other technologies.



One analyst says, "I see a situation in the near future when an individual gets up in the morning and asks a car to take them to work. During that commute they are writing emails and watching the news. The car drops them off at work, and then leaves to recharge itself on the grid, before heading out to be used by another member of the family, a colleague, or even a paying stranger. It then returns ready and fueled to pick the individual up again at the end of the day and take them home."

What gets me all fired up about this is that I see this happening in the church - Gen Y, Gen X and all the generations connecting and connected and being stronger, better disciples of Jesus because of it.

The church, particularly our St. Bart's has become and is becoming a center through which people can link with each other according to their interests and needs, where they can connect to Bible studies, where they can interact with overseas churches and missionaries such as in Haiti.

Human beings were made for connectivity. We were not designed by the Creator to live alone and apart from each other. It's an essential aspect of human nature -- we love connection with others of our species.

It would seem then that anything the church can do to enhance community and connectivity would be a wildly good thing. Gen Y would love it, and everyone else would appreciate it too.

The church, after all, specializes in connections. It exists to bring God and humankind together, or at least to show how this connection has already happened in Christ Jesus.

So, while we're preaching the gospel of connection, we might also brainstorm about how to increase a connective environment in our local church. Connecting people with people, and with resources, can only enhance our big goal, linking people to God.

~The Rev. Bill Zettinger

Outreach 2016 Partners and Donations

The Radical Hospitality and Outreach (ROHR) steering team recently reviewed our outreach strategy and allocated funds for the first half of 2016. To arrive at our decisions, we examined the vision from the strategic plan.

Our vision calls us to be involved in our local and global communities and to live our faith through our actions, transforming both ourselves and the world around us.

Aligning with our vision, St. Bart's outreach supports both local and global ministries. The ROHR steering Team also wanted St. Bart's members to deepen relationships with one another and to build new relationships with our neighbors. We also looked for partners who allowed us to:

- Challenge ourselves and our ministries to experiment, evolve, and try a variety of new things; to push us out of our comfort zone, confident that it is our there, beyond our safety nets that we encounter God.
- Allow us to invite new people to join in and to share their gifts, helping to align their passion, gifts, talents and personal styles with the ways we serve
- Ground our ministries in prayer, discipleship and reflection so our experiences transform the way we see God in others and ourselves.
- See our participation in ministry as part of our spiritual formation as disciplines and a way to deepen our faith.

Based on these guidelines and our vision, we selected a few partners with whom we will try to deepen our relationship. These partners serve homeless (vets and civilians), refugees, and children. In the first half of 2017, we plan to provide about \$22,000 in financial support for these organizations as well as provide volunteers and in-kind gift to support their operations.

Local Partners

St. Luke's North Park

St. Marks City Heights

Interfaith Community Services

RefugeeNet

Global Partners

Vida Joven

Epiphanies School in Haiti

In addition, to these key ministries, we will also make over \$8,000 in donations to Camp Stevens to support the new camp building, Episcopal Community Services, World Vision, and North County LGBTQ Resource Center. Other donations for the second half of the year will be reviewed by June.

Activities &: Success Stories for Outreach

Interfaith Community Services (Poway): In fall 2016, we helped to provide a part-time Interfaith counselor for the Rancho Bernardo Poway office. Moving forward, we will not have a counselor located in Poway but will provide UBER rides for clients to access Interfaith Services. This will provide access to Interfaith on more days and times. I wanted to share one success story from this program. A woman, who was chronically homeless in the Poway area, went to Interfaith for help. Through their services, she is now in permanent housing.

Interfaith Community Rotational Shelter: A mother and her young boy entered the rotational shelter this winter. During her stay in the shelter, she got a new job and started saving money for a deposit and the first month's rent for an apartment. Before she had enough time to save for her first month's rent, a suitable and affordable apartment became available. The mother reached out to St. Bart's to see if we could help her pay the first month's rent. Fortunately, the Alms account was able to provide financial support. It is wonderful to know that St. Bart's supported this family and that the mother and son now have housing.

St. Luke's North Park, partnered with International Rescue Committee to start its garden Café. On April 1st, they began to prepare St. Luke's vacant lot.. The Garden Café project, a new organic urban farm and outdoor café, will provide job training programs for low-income youth and refugee women.



Episcopal Church Center and St. Mark's City Heights: In March, we collected 40 shoes and over 100 pairs of socks for the Maundy Thursday Foot Washing Events in the city. In April, a group of parishioners donated breakfast items and volunteered their time to support the event at St. Mark's.

~Kate McKone-Sweet



Youth Reflections from 30-Hour Famine

I was fortunate enough to participate in the youth group's 30-Hour Famine. The experience was amazing and I had a very good time. I really enjoyed getting to know a lot of new people, and becoming better friends with some people I already knew. We played a lot of fun games while also learning about the struggles that other people face everyday. If I had to pick one moment that stood out to me the most it would be when the youth group was handing out food to the homeless people in San Diego. I encountered one family that had three little children and they were really struggling. As I handed them the sack lunches and water, the youngest kid thanked me and gave me a big hug. I won't ever forget that moment as it was one of the times in my life I have felt most happy.

I learned a lot about the struggles of hunger in other countries around the world and I was able to see how many people actually struggle from hunger every day. It was an eye opening experience to say the least. The 30 Hour Famine was a really positive way to learn about the hardships that other people face everyday. While I can't say that I will ever be in the same position as the people I learned about; I can say that I learned a lot about how they live. The famine was an amazing experience. It taught me a lot about how much we all have and how little some others have. I'm very glad I got to participate.

~Rosaline Kumar

The 30-Hour Famine is a great experience for middle schoolers and high schoolers. I have participated in the 30-Hour Famine three times. It is an excellent way to connect with others and God through hunger. Throughout the famine, we separated into groups that were represented as tribes. In these tribes, we played games that stimulated real world hunger problems such as gathering food from all the necessary food groups. In this game, we had one representative from each tribe come up to a bin blindfolded, each person tried to grab all of the balls that they could carry to feed our tribe. After this activity, we had many more challenges, and depending on if you lost or won you would gain or lose certain food groups. This game in particular stood out to me the most because it made me realize that for some people this is their day to day life. These people have to scavenge for food and protect what they have from weather and neighboring tribes. Another moment that stood out to me was when all the youth made sack lunches filled with a ham sandwich, granola bar, water, mustard and mayo for the homeless in Petco Park. I had this eye-opening moment that hunger is not only across the world in Africa, but it is right here in our own backyards. This moment impacted me the most to see all the people's smiles when they received their food. Many of them were just like you and me, but hungry and without a home. I saw countless teenagers and young children out in the blazing sun doing their homework and others interacting with friends. A quote by Mother Theresa states, "If you can't feed 100 than just feed one." This quote relates to the 30-Hour Famine because it only takes a small step toward ending world hunger.

~Maya Berthoud



Preparing and serving food to the homeless at 30 Hour Famine!



If You Are Over 70½ - Read On!

When you filed your taxes recently, did you notice the effect taking your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) had on your taxable income? You most likely have to take an RMD from your IRA (or other similar retirement accounts which require an RMD). If so, please consider donating some of this RMD money to St. Bartholomew's, rather than paying MORE taxes on your income. You can do this by making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) directly from your IRA to St. Bartholomew's. Recent tax and budget legislation made this provision "permanent". If you feel challenged to meet your pledge for 2017 or later years, this may be a way to achieve an ambitious goal or even increase your giving. At this time of year, you have the opportunity to do some tax planning and help out St. Bart's at the same time.

Simply put, the funds taken as an RMD from an IRA (but not all retirement accounts), if sent directly to a qualified charity (St. Bart's), are NOT included in your taxable income for that year. As you may know, there can be many advantages to keeping your taxable income as low as possible. You should be aware that no charitable deduction applies for this contribution; counting it twice would be too much frosting on the cake! Of course, we can't give you tax advice; you should consult your own tax professional about this decision and the details of paperwork, etc. Your IRA custodian will very likely have a special form you need to complete, but it is very easy to do. It's certainly something to consider!

There are two related issues (Social Security benefits and Medicare premiums) which may benefit you if you make a QCD directly to St. Bart's rather than first withdrawing the funds and then making a donation to St. Bart's.

Taxing Social Security Benefits

As of 2016 as an individual below \$25,000 of total income, your Social Security benefits are NOT TAXABLE. You will pay tax on up to 50% of your benefits if you make between \$25,000 and \$34,000 in benefits and other income (INCLUDES YOUR RMDs), and up to 85% of your benefits are taxable if you make more than \$34,000.

A married couple filing jointly below \$32,000 of total income pays no income taxes on Social Security benefits. With a combined income between \$32,000 and \$44,000, you may see tax on up to 50% of your benefits, and up to 85% of your benefits are taxable with an income greater than \$44,000.

TAX IMPLICATIONS

So, if you have total income below \$44,000 before any RMDs, then making a direct transfer (QCD) from your IRA to St. Bart's reduces your "other income" reported for determining what portion of your Social Security benefits are taxed (versus taking your RMD and then separately donating to St. Bart's). So, this

may reduce your tax bill.

Medicare Premiums

The 2017 monthly Medicare Part B premium for most individuals is either \$112 or \$134 unless your total income is over \$85,000 as an individual or \$170,000 for a married couple filing jointly. Those with higher total incomes may pay a premium of as much as \$335.70 per month. Your Medicare premium is based on your total income from two years ago (e.g., 2017 premiums are based on 2015 total income). The total income includes any RMD you receive. However, a QCD directly from your IRA to St. Bart's is NOT included in your total income. So making a QCD to St. Bart's may keep your Medicare payment lower versus withdrawing the money first and then making a donation to St. Bart's.

If you do decide to take a closer look at the QCD option, please be sure to consult with your tax professional to see that it is a good choice for you and correctly done. Thanks so much for considering this.

~Pat Blair

Vestry Retreat Correction

In the April issue of *News from the Hill*, the quotes in the *Vestry Retreat* article were assigned to incorrect Vestry members. The correct quotes are printed here.

I attended the vestry retreat held at St. Paul's senior facility in Chula Vista. The location was pleasant, relaxing and the meals were awesome. I found our time was well spent, and the methods used to cover the materials were on point allowing us to cover and practice several skills necessary to work as a team. On a personal level I have a better understanding of our purpose and look forward to working with this incredible team. Beth thank you for coordinating the day.

~Elaine Cooke

As a brand-new, first time member of the vestry, I found the retreat to be very useful. I didn't have any prior experience with reading financial documents, so the financial scavenger hunt was a fun way to approach those intimidating pages. I certainly didn't expect to laugh so much while learning about the Church Bylaws! The best part of the retreat was getting to know other vestry members better.

~Karen Crafts

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St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church
Treasurer's Report – First Quarter 2017

This report is intended to accompany the financial statements of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Poway, CA, for March 31, 2017.

For the first quarter of 2017, operating income was \$293,046, (\$11,708) less than forecast. Operating expenses for the quarter were \$290,102 and (\$8,529) less than budget due to lower expenditures in Christian Formation and maintenance / utility expenses during the period. For the first quarter an operating surplus of \$2,945 was realized.

Pledge receipts for the quarter were (\$1,917) less than forecast or a 0.9% shortfall. Total pledging for 2017 stands at \$956,000 or \$21,000 and 2.3% above the target goal of \$935,000

The General Operating Fund balance sheet reflects liquid assets totaling \$222,902, payables of \$3,417, a reserve for major repairs and replacements of \$53,708 and advanced 2017 pledge, non-pledge gifts and other deferred revenue of \$82,456. Therefore, our actual reserve cash totals \$83,322 including trusts and bequests in the operating fund.

The Preschool shows a year to date operating surplus of \$9,894 and Vestry designated reserves of \$192,885.

The Outreach Fund at the end of the first quarter reflects Vestry Designated Reserves of \$71,535 including \$19,721 of thrift shop operating surplus and Scholarship funds of \$51,814. Temporarily restricted assets total \$47,809 comprised primarily of a general outreach fund of \$37,298.

The Endowment Fund shows total net assets of \$741,038 including \$78,500 of permanently restricted endowment and \$604,136 in Vestry designated reserves. Additionally, there is \$632 in Heide fund earnings available to fund scholarship grants and \$41,114 in accumulated permanent endowment earnings available to support ministry.

The columbarium shows total net assets of \$114,940.

The Rector's Funds (Parish Development, Clergy Special Expense, and Pastoral Needs) and associated funds total \$17,483.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Angus, Treasurer

Regular Meetings

SUNDAY

Interfaith Community Services (ICS) - Merle's Place

4-6 p.m. on the first and third Sunday of the month.

Contact Jill Henderson at 760-807-8445.

Daughters of the King

Third Sunday at 9:15 a.m., Room 3E

MONDAY

Boy Scouts:

7 p.m., Parish Hall

Health and Wellness Ministry:

First Monday at 5:30 p.m., Education Building, Room 3AB

Hand Bell Choir

Mondays, 7 p.m., Choir Room

TUESDAY

Centering Prayer:

5 p.m., Education Building, Room 3AB

The Prayers and Squares Quilt Ministry:

Tuesdays (except fifth Tuesday) at 6:30 p.m., Quilt Room

WEDNESDAY

Interfaith Community Services (ICS):

Serve breakfast, fourth Wednesday at 6:00 a.m.

Contact Denny Walters at 760-432-8518.

Thrift Shop Work Night

Last Wednesday at 4:00 p.m., Thrift Shop

Schola

Wednesdays, 5:15 p.m., Choir Room

Youth CREW

Wednesdays, 6 p.m., Youth Room

String Ensemble

Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Choir Room

THURSDAY

Grief and Loss Group

Thursdays, 8:30-10 a.m., Education Building

Book Guild:

Fourth Thursday, 1:00 p.m., Conference Room

B.P.U.S.A. - Bereaved Parents:

Fourth Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Conference Room

P.A.S.S. - Parent Advocates Seeking Solutions:

Third Thursday, 7 p.m., South Parish Hall

Choir

Thursdays, 7 p.m., Music Room

AA MEETINGS:

Sundays, 6 p.m. - Conference Room

Mondays, 9:30 a.m. - Parish Hall (Women only)

Tuesdays, 12 p.m. - South Parish Hall

Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. - South Parish Hall (Women only)

Wednesdays, 12 p.m. - South Parish Hall

Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m. - Parish Hall

Thursdays, 12 p.m. - South Parish Hall (Beginners)

Fridays, 12 p.m. - South Parish Hall

AL-ANON:

Mondays, 12 p.m. - South Parish Hall

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Vestry Retreat Correction

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The recent Vestry retreat was a day filled with both learning and inspiration. We spent time learning and understanding our roles as Vestry members, reviewing bylaws, and understanding budget documents. Additionally, we committed to each other to step up to fulfilling the Mission and Vision of St. Bart's Strategic Plan.

~ Mike Fuqua



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Tickets will be on sale before and after services on the patio May 6 at 5 p.m., May 7 at 10:15 a.m., and May 14 at 10:15 a.m.

Ticket prices are 1 ticket for \$2, 6 tickets for \$10, and 13 tickets for \$20.

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