



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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To Love and Serve

Dear Friends,

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

Although the summer may be a time for respite for many, St. Bart's did not miss a beat. I am deeply grateful to everyone who worked to ensure that our mission and ministry remained as robust as ever through the summer months. For my part, I returned from vacation refreshed and renewed, but also aware that I am entering my fourth year of my ministry here and feeling a call to gather to both celebrate and to reflect on where we have been and where we are headed next as a community.

My spiritual director will occasionally say to me "take a breath," which is her way of reminding me to slow down from time to time and take in the moment. I am always grateful when I do as it is in the pause and the reflection that accompanies it that we hear the Spirit most clearly. I am inviting everyone to take time to gather and "take a breath" together, pause, listen, rejoice, and respond to God's voice. It was the same gatherings we held when I arrived that allowed to courageously engage and

invest in the strategic plan so faithfully.

During the past three years, our parish has made remarkable progress in its ongoing mission to love and serve one another and our neighbors. We have some wonderful stories to share, as well as some important news about the future of our children's ministry, and the campus itself:



- Our children's ministry has a new director and a new direction. I want you to meet our new Children's Ministry Alexandra (Alex) Howard to hear some of her vision;

- Our Preschool is in the midst of some amazing growth;

- More than 80 kids during our first-in-a-long-time Vacation Bible School;

- More than 320 of you have participated in one of our various small group community offerings – getting to know one another and God in new and deeper ways;

- The face of St. Bart's continues to change. We have welcomed more

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than 100 new families while also saying goodbye to some beloved, long-time members and clergy over the last couple of years;

- Our pastoral care offerings continue to expand offering a variety of ways for us to support and care for those in need;
- We will have some news to share regarding our emerging plans to renew and improve the campus to better serve our mission as a center for spiritual growth and community service for the 21st Century;
- In a time of national division, we continue to be a community that despite its differences and its diversity, comes together in common prayer and common mission;
- And so many more...

I have asked our Stewardship committee to organize a series of gatherings this fall where we can “take a breath” to celebrate and share some of the many ways we have loved and served the world over these past three years. We’ll also do some listening as to where the Spirit might be calling us next. I hope

you and your family can join me at one of our To Love and Serve gatherings next month where we can continue to the conversation.

I am proud to be entering my fourth year as your pastor. I am proud to raise my children here. I am proud to join hands with you, everyone, and anyone, responding to God’s urgent cry to love and serve the world through this faith community.

Faithfully yours,

Mark+

The Light of Christ for Future Generations

What will your legacy be?

Have you noticed that part in the baptismal service when one of the clergy lights a small candle from the Paschal Candle, and offer it to the newly baptized (or to a parent if an infant) with the words, “Receive the light of Christ, as Christ’s light in the world.” The symbolism is the passing down of Christ’s legacy to the most recently baptized Christian; as Christ illuminated the world with God’s love, the torch of Christ’s light is passed to us as we become his disciples. Similarly, at confirmation there is a symbolic passing along to the next generation, of the traditions and practices of the church which have kept that light alive in the world for nearly 2,000 years.

The idea of legacy and the passing down of what came before is particularly important in the Christian movement as it is only through the selfless dedication of those who have come before us, that the Good News of God in Christ continues to be shared today. As I look around the campus of St. Bart’s, I can see evidence of the lasting generosity of others all around us staring with the very land we are standing on likely purchased at great risk, but also with great foresight. I appreciate the wonderful view of the valley and the refreshing breeze that whisks its way up our hill each afternoon. I notice our sanctuary, the parish hall, the administration building, and all the various offices and meeting rooms and am reminded of hundreds of lives that we have been saved – both spiritually and even literally – because there was a physical place to find God’s love when they needed it

most.

I see the Education Building, the Preschool, the Youth and Godly Play rooms, and envision the thousands of children who have been introduced to the love of God in one way or another. What fruit has been born in their life from the many seeds we helped plant? What ripple effect will knowing God’s love have on their lives and on the world they will create?

I see the Parish Hall and it reminds me of the homeless families who have been temporarily housed there as a vital link in a chain that kept them off the streets at their most vulnerable time. How will they one day pay forward the generosity they were shown to the next family in need?

I think of the thousands of adults whose life-saving recovery from addiction has been supported because we had room for their groups to meet. And I think of the LGBT kids who are a high risk of suicide, who meet here because they see our campus as “safe space” from a hostile world.

Each one of these additions – be it the purchase of the land, the construction of the Parish Hall, the Sanctuary or most recently the Education Building and Preschool – are just a few examples of the legacy left to us by past generations of those who called St. Bart’s home today. At great risk and knowing full well that they will not live to see the fruits of their generosity,

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Music Ministry Opportunities for All Ages and Abilities

The beginning of the program year is a great time to join a music ministry! A love of music-making and a willingness to learn are all that is required for most ministries. Read below for more information! All rehearsals begin after Labor Day (see dates below).



Choristers - young people, 3rd grade through early college, learning to sing and expanding their musical skills in individual and group instruction. All are welcome, regardless of music background!

- Free, individualized small-group instruction on singing, music theory, and musicianship skills.
- Singing in church the first and third Sundays of the month, including the Advent Service of Lessons and Carols in December.

Rehearsals, including snack, are Sundays, 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and Wednesdays, 5:15-6 p.m. (full schedule forthcoming). First rehearsal and parent meeting, Sunday, September 10, 11:45 a.m.

Choral and Organ Scholars are musicians of high school or college age interested in more advanced singing, accompanying, and/or serving as cantors in church and helping to lead younger Choristers. Contact Nathan Costa for more information. First rehearsal, Sunday, September 10, 11:45 a.m.

Cantors help lead congregational singing and sing psalms and other service music at all weekend liturgies. Rehearsal is Thursdays 6:30-7 p.m. twice per month or as needed for special occasions.

The Parish Choir is open to all adults, high school aged and above. The Choir rehearses Thursdays 7-9 p.m. and sings at the Sunday 10:15 a.m. service and often at Evensong the first Sunday of each month. First rehearsal is Thursday, September 7, 7 p.m.

The Women's Schola sings chant, both ancient and contemporary, as well as other service music in a small

ensemble setting. The group rehearses Wednesdays 6-6:45 p.m. and sings at one Sunday 8 a.m. service. First rehearsal is Wednesday, September 13, 6 p.m.

The Handbell Choir rehearses Monday evenings 7-8 p.m. and plays at one Sunday service each month. Ability to read music is helpful. Come learn how to ring! First meeting/rehearsal is Monday, September 11, 7 p.m.

Instrumentalists of all types play as solo and accompanying instruments and in ensemble.

- Our **"strings-plus" ensemble** of a string quartet plus other instruments rehearses Wednesdays 7-8 p.m. and plays at one Sunday 10:15 a.m. service each month and other special occasions. First rehearsal is Wednesday, September 13, 7 p.m.
- **Guitars** help lead prelude Gathering Music and other service music. Ongoing rehearsals are Sunday mornings, 9:15 a.m. Other instruments play solo melodies and descants throughout the year.

Individual lessons in violin, cello, voice (high school and above) and percussion coming soon! Contact Nathan Costa, ncosta@stbartschurch.org, for more information. If you are interested in any of the above, please contact Nathan Costa, Director of Music, ncosta@stbartschurch.org or (858) 432-7112.

choral Evensong

Sunday, October 1
4 p.m.

*Join us for an evening of
prayer and music*



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Summer Music Training - Royal School of Church Music

This summer six St. Bart's musicians made what has become for them an annual trek across the country to spend a week at a Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) Summer Training Course in Newport, Rhode Island. Bass section leader Tim McLellan, the entire Strout family, Stephanie, Ian, Tessa, and Sydney, and director of music and liturgy Nathan Costa joined approximately 40 young choristers, boys and girls, ages nine to 17, and 40 adults July 31 - August 6 in a full week of fun, friendship, and great music-making in magnificent local churches.



Based on the campus of Salve Regina University in Newport, this course is one of several across the country sponsored by RSCM America that offer great choral training and liturgical experience to both children and adults. Daily morning and afternoon rehearsals prepare for full choral services of Evensong and Eucharist at the end of the week at the neo-Gothic chapel on the campus of St. George's School in Newport and in historic Grace Episcopal Church in Providence. Afternoon activities also include handbell ringing, writing descants, and liturgical formation for choristers and opportunities for composition and other presentations for adults. In downtime the course offers traditional summer camp activities, including a walk along the cliffs with stunning views of Newport homes and the ocean, talent shows, time at the beach, and dormitory living.



Tim McLellan, a veteran of seven Newport courses, including five as head proctor (counselor) sees RSCM courses as a unique experience.

"The experience of working with kids and adults who come together from different places to produce glorious music in worship is something you can't find anywhere else," he said. "It's

so much more than summer camp: while we're all having a good time, it's different because there's an end product in mind, three services at the end of the week. It's a time for children and adults to challenge their musicianship and to learn beyond what we learn at our own individual parishes, and to build relationships across the country and the world."

For Sydney and Tessa, in their third consecutive year, the course has been a place for real musical and personal growth and friendship. "It's a chance to be and to grow with other musicians who really care about what they're doing," Sydney said.

Tessa recalled the experience of finding her full singing voice her first year: "Singing for a full week in that environment really helped my voice grow, particularly in the higher register, where something just clicked in my voice and opened up a range I hadn't had before."

Stephanie, in her fourth year as proctor (counselor), has seen the transformation choristers can make during the course. "The adjustment from home can be difficult for some of the kids," she said. "They're away from home and their regular schedule for a full week. But as soon as you see the switch flip, when kids form friendships, they really grow into what they're doing musically. The older kids pick up the younger ones that are more shy or unsure and lift them up in a real example, whether they realize it or not, of Christ's love. Particularly for boys, who don't often get this sort of experience, this is a place where kids can come in and shine."

Tim also noted the steep learning curve that begins at the course and then continues when choristers return home. "You see kids grow as they struggle with something musically and through hard work and effort figure it out," Tim said. "But it's the growth that happens during the year and that kids bring back to the course that is most noticeable. You see the same kids come back and watch them deepen their faith and musicianship each year. Two kids returned this year as [young adult] proctors now shepherding the next generation of youth through this course."

This year's course was directed by Sarah MacDonald, director of music at Selwyn College, Cambridge and Director of Ely Cathedral Girls' Choir, both in the UK. Her choir from Selwyn College completed a California tour in July, including concerts and services in San Diego. The first woman director of a college chapel choir in Cambridge or Oxford, Sarah, or "Mackie," as she was called during the week, proved to be a formidable choir trainer but with a keen sense of humor, exacting in her musical expectations and pushing her charges likely beyond what many thought they could attain. Music consisted of

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they trusted in God to build this church and then over the years, add to this campus so that it might benefit those they would likely never know or even meet. In the same way that the light of Christ is past from generation to generation of Christians, we here at St. Bart's and countless others in our larger community, have been the recipients of the courage, risk and foresight of those who have come before.

So what are we called to do? How can pay forward the legacy that we have benefited from?

One way to do this is through the ministry of Planned Giving. Joining St. Bart's Legacy Society by remembering St. Bart's in your estate plans in some way, helps to build our endowment and is a beautiful way to make a lasting gift that will touch the lives of hundreds if not thousands of people long after you are gone with the greatest gift of all – the love of God. Like our campus itself, our endowment is a lasting cornerstone of our mission and ministry and exists to help fund new ministries, special projects and other opportunities to expand the Kingdom of God in ways that our normal operating budget cannot.

The Parable of the Talents reminds us that all that we have, all that we have earned and worked for – our accumulated stewardship – are gifts from God which we are called to put to work, building not our own wealth, but building the Kingdom of God. Making a legacy gift not only honors the generosity of those who have come before, but is an opportunity for each of us to reflect on what have we been given, and how it can be used to spread the Gospel. It is also an invitation to remind ourselves of our own mortality, and the reality that at the end of the day, what we will be remembered for will not be the stuff we own, or the things we have enjoyed, the trips we have taken or the rounds of golf we have played, but how we have impacted this world for the better.

What will your legacy be? What will be my lasting contribution be to the mission and ministry of St. Bart's?

If you would like to learn more about including St. Bart's in your will or making a planned gift of some kind, join us on September 24 at 12:30 p.m. at Rancho Bernardo Winery for a causal tour and tasting or contact the Rev. Chris Harris, charris@stbartschurch.org or 858-487-2159, for help getting started.

~The Rev. Chris Harris

Winery Tour with St. Bart's Legacy Society

Sunday, September 24

12:30-3 p.m.

*Bernardo Winery
13330 Paseo Del Verano Norte
San Diego, CA 92128*

Join The Legacy Society for a tour and wine tasting at Bernardo Winery for potential future members to have questions answered about remembering St. Bartholomew's in their estate plan. Space is limited. If you have thought about including St. Bart's in your estate plan or already have, RSVP to Lisa McAfee, Lisa@LisaMcAfee.com or 858-243-3722, before September 10.

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Angel Tree Volunteers Needed

How do you show Jesus to a prisoner's child? The answer is simple - by letting Him shine through you! God has given us a great opportunity to reach out to families broken by crime. St. Bart's will be involved in "Angel Tree Prison Fellowship" for Christmas 2017.

In order for St. Bart's to sponsor 130 kids, I need your assistance to call the caregivers to learn what the children would like for Christmas. You will only be calling 5 to 6 families with a specific script to gather the necessary information for gift selection.

Please consider helping me with these calls which will be early October. Contact Rosalind Duddy, 858-485-1770 or rosalindduddy@sbcglobal.net. Let us give thanks for our many blessings and the opportunity to love and serve Him with gladness and singleness of heart!

~Rosalind Duddy, Angel Tree Coordinator



Children & Youth Formation

Children & Youth

Why are we here?

What do we want to be sure our children know?

How are we passing on our faith to our children?

We participate in the faith community of St. Bart's because we find strength in raising our families together. The ecosystem of learning and worship that we foster in this place provides resources, encouragement, and fellowship as we raise our children to be grounded in the Christian story.

We want our children to know that God is love; that God created each of us uniquely and loves each of us just as we are; that Jesus was born, lived, died, and rose again for each of us; that we are followers of the Way of Jesus of Nazareth: countercultural, radically welcoming, fearlessly compassionate, focused on justice and respecting the diversity of every human being; that the call of Christ-followers is to proclaim the redeeming love of God to the world, as we work together to build God's kingdom through worship, service, and prayer.

Weekly Formation & Events By Age

Ages 0-3 - Nursery care available 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Sundays

K-5th Grade - Sunday School every week 10-10:45 a.m.

6th-12th Grade - Middle school and high school youth group, called CREW (Continuously Riding the Eternal Wave!) meets 9-10 a.m. Sundays for formation and fellowship and also 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays for Youth Group gathering.

High School Confirmation - 6-8 p.m. every other Sunday.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

September 10, 10 a.m.: Sunday School begins.

September 10, 11:30 – 12:20: Creative Ways to Pray: Come and See! Make a “blessing bowl” to encourage conversations about faith at home.

September 17: First Confirmation Group. Confirmation is a rite of passage in the church, offering teenagers an invitation to explore their Christian identity.

Grow in Faith: Join Confirmation

What is confirmation?

In the Episcopal tradition, all baptized adults are invited to “express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop” (BCP, p. 860). We call this confirmation, a sacramental rite that is rooted in our baptismal promises and which connects us to the wider church.

High schoolers are invited to participate in a small group with their peers, which gathers every other week from September – June. Confirmation is all about growing in faith – the group explores questions about God, life, the church, and more. Students are invited to bring their whole selves to the process, including their doubts, questions, and real-life experiences. It is an open community which is seeking to understand what it means to follow Jesus. Confirmation is an intentional journey into discipleship, an opportunity to deepen our faith.

Adult parishioners are invited to partner with a confirmation candidate as a mentor. Studies of the most successful confirmation programs showed that pairing a high schooler with an adult mentor was an essential component. Mentors are invited to join the group for several Sunday evening sessions, and present the candidate at the confirmation service. Candidates and mentors get to know one another at group gatherings and one-on-one settings, where they share about their journeys of faith. You don't have to be a “perfect Christian” or “know all the answers” to be a mentor! First, that doesn't exist. The process is about Confirmation and being a confirmation mentor is not about knowing all the answers. It's about an openness to how God is working in our lives, a desire to engage in intentional discipleship, and a willingness to take seriously our questions about faith.

To join the 2017-2018 confirmation group or to be a mentor, please contact the Rev. Mary Lynn Coulson, mlcoulson@stbartschurch.org.

Youth Retreat Love Your Selfie



Shared struggles to be ourselves amid peer pressure and social expectations.



A Week in Haiti

In August, a group from St. Bartholomew's traveled to Lauranette, Haiti to continue our partnership with the community and Epiphanie School. Make sure to read the daily blog posts on our website www.stbartschurch.org, click St. Bart's Blog from the home page.

There were many memories made during the seven days spent in Haiti. We experienced new things and learned a lot about ourselves and other things around us. I was mesmerized staring out my window as we began to descend into Port au Prince, taking in the place that would become my home for the next week. The ride to Hinche was full of beautiful landscapes and Haitian culture. All of us were amazed to see four people bunched up on a motorbike, and even more amazed later that it would become a common sight. Walking into St. Andre's School in Hinche (the school supported by St. Dunstan's in Carmel, CA) and seeing what our little school in Lauranette had the potential to become was amazing. The night in Hinche was nice and relaxed and we took a walk to see the town. It was evident here, as in Port au Prince, that people drive wherever they need on the road to get where they're going. That night was the first night it rained, but it was just a drizzle compared to what was to come.

We had all heard stories of the bumpy ride from Hinche to Lauranette, and we got what we expected. There was one short stretch of unfinished "highway" running out from the Dominican Republic border which felt like riding in the clouds compared to the rest of the trip. After arriving in Lauranette, we began to build our relationships with the locals. There is a constant horde of kids spending their time at the school, and they were extremely excited when we pulled out a brand new soccer ball. Over the next few days, our bonds with the kids would continue to grow.

On the second day, the rain came. That rainstorm was the most intense rainstorm I've ever seen, yet to everyone in Lauranette it

was normal. All of us were amazed at the enormous raindrops, huge gusts of wind, and sideways rain. We would move inside to wait out the rain and play cards with our translators, Amabiel and Larose, under the tin roofs of the school. When the weather cleared up the games would resume, in the mud now. The next day when it rained, we had a completely different perspective and appreciation of water. That morning was the first time



we realized that the running water for our overhead shower and flushing toilet was hauled in from the well a quarter-mile away, and that was the first day we joined in on the daily trips to the well to fill jugs for the water tank. When the rain came on that day, we captured as much as we could in buckets, jugs, and 55-gallon drums to fill the tank as full as we could, instead of going back to the well later that day. John Darcy created a downspout out of used soda bottles to help capture water from the tin roof, and we left it behind for reuse in the rains to come. It turns out that the reason we were experiencing so much rain was that we were on the back end of Hurricane Franklin, which was sitting in the middle of the Caribbean growing faster than it was moving. That came as a surprise because the weather forecast even when we landed in Haiti was still showing no chance of storms.

Mixing cement to build the roof-support structures for the school was a humbling

experience. We had been watching the construction workers before and were happy to help speed along the process, which we did — they seemed to be surprised to have finished the concrete work before lunchtime that day. We helped them fill the rest of the beams for the last few classrooms of the school. Father Noe had to make many trips between Port au Prince, Hinche, and Lauranette over the days we were there and, after driving the muddy road to Lauranette for the third time in four days, decided we needed to leave Lauranette one day early to ensure we didn't get stuck there and would make it back in time for our flight home. This time, all four of us youth were in the back seat of the ex-tended-cab pick-up truck, making the ride there (when we only had three in the back seat) seem like luxury. Kevin got to ride with our cooks and translators in the speedy but ancient SUV that seemed to be on its last leg. We made it back to Hinche easy enough and enjoyed another night of rainfall (this time from the safety of the Rectory there).

On our last day in Hinche we got to visit the public market. It was like no other market we'd ever seen before. Every type of item was out for sale, and all kinds of food, including a few things that looked (and smelled!) very foreign. People were bustling about by foot all over the place, yet still the occasional motorbike would squeeze its way through. John even bought



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his very own pair of Haitian sandals, knock-off Nike slides, for only two dollars. On our last night, we made one last trip to the drink stand for Limonade (a Haitian lemon soda) and had one last night of cards with our new friends Larose and Amabiel. We woke up the next day for an early departure for the airport. Father Noe informed us, with little surprise at that point, that the SUV we had ridden in from Laurantette had its suspension go out and that all seven of us would ride in his pickup truck to the airport. Once at the airport, we said our final goodbye to Father Noe, and the beautiful country we had all quickly come to love. God willing, it was just a “see you later.”

The people of Laurantette asked us to carry a message home: They love their new school. They love the teachers, whom the kids say are “much better” than those provided by the government at the “national school” down the road. We now know from first-hand experience that the school building will keep the kids warm and dry in heavy rains, and the spacious school grounds have clearly become a gathering place — and soccer field — for the entire village when school is out. We also learned that, in less than two months, Laurantette will receive its very own Deacon (Snyder Culut), so that its Episcopal congregation (Epiphany parish) will have a member of clergy and communion almost every week. There is no doubt that the relationship between St. Bart’s and Laurantette is having a big impact there, and the people of Laurantette certainly made a big impact on us.

~Malia Kohls (and the whole Haiti team)

Art Donations

Members of St. Bart’s are encouraged to donate surplus art to the Thrift Shop Ministry. Art can be donated at the Thrift Shop on Poway Road or the Gallery at St. Bartholomew’s. The Thrift Shop is open 7 days a week and the Gallery is open between services on Sundays. You can also make arrangements for art to be picked up at your location

The Thrift Shop is fortunate to have two volunteers that are knowledgeable in handling art. Each piece is examined to determine the best place to sell it to maximize the financial return. Some that are believed to be appealing to church members are displayed at the Gallery, others are displayed in the Thrift Shop. Art of more general value are sold through eBay. Those pieces of exceptional value are sold through professional art auctions or art galleries. One donated piece this year sold for over \$1,400 at an auction.

In recent years donated art has become an important revenue source for the Thrift Shop and members are encouraged to continue this practice. For further information please contact the Thrift Shop Manager, Laurie, 858-486-2110.

Summer Music

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work, fun, and prayer, was most meaningful to the St. Bart’s contingent. Participants mark the beginning and end of each day with communal celebrations of sung Morning Prayer and Compline, the final hour of daily prayer, in the college chapel.

Ian, for whom this prayer cycle was a new experience, said, “Morning Prayer is not hard or complicated. You can basically come in half-asleep, the adults even with their coffee, and begin to wake up to the day in prayer halfway through the service. And then we’re put to bed at Compline. It’s a great beginning and end of the day.”

“The rhythm of the day brings us back to what we’re doing there,” Stephanie said, “being ministers of the gospel through music, planting seeds and having faith that God will germinate.”

As if on cue, Tessa recited from memory the Choristers’ Prayer: “Bless, O Lord, us Thy servants who minister in Thy temple. Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

St. Bartholomew’s Choristers and Choral Scholar programs follow RSCM training. For more information on RSCM Training Courses and how your child can grow from these experiences, please see one of us, or visit <http://www.rscmamerica.org/training-courses.php>.

~Nathan Costa

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, 6:45 p.m., Parish Hall

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

Fridays, 9:45 a.m., South Parish Hall (Women only)

Fridays, 12 p.m., South Parish Hall and 6 p.m., Room 3AB

Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. and 12 p.m., Conference Room

AL-ANON:

Mondays, 12 p.m. – South Parish Hall

Tuesdays, 12 p.m. – Parish Hall

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Haiti Epiphane School Update

By the end of August, we completed our fundraising efforts for the school building - \$72,000 in a year - and expect the school to be completed in 2017. In August, St. Bart's sent its third mission team to Haiti to deepen our partnership with the school and the Lauranette community.

August Mission Trip

On this mission trip were Sam and Malia Kohls, Caroline Muñoz, John Darcy, Kevin Berthoud, and JD Cowart. Everyone is excited to share their experiences, so please check the mission team for details. We were able to learn a few things (August is very hot and very rainy), share school supplies, games and toothbrushes, and observe the school construction. Read *A Week in Haiti* on page 7 for more experiences. Also, take time to read St. Bart's Blog for a day-by-day commentary on the recent trip. Here is one portion of the blog from Day 2.

The people of Lauranette are very grateful that Epiphane School is being built to provide their children with a quality education. The soccer balls were an instant hit, along with bubbles, footballs, and paper planes. We also played "kanna, kanna, zwa," which is duck-duck-swam (goose) in Creole. Everybody loved it and had so much fun - and everyone seemed to want to tag Caroline, John, Sam and me on "zwa." That

went on until everyone was worn out, then we played Haitian games. The children love playing games with us and we all communicate with each other the best we can. Toothbrushes and toothpaste were handed out to everyone, along with JD's live demonstration for the young kids who don't know how to brush their teeth yet. The hundreds of remaining toothbrushes and tubes of toothpaste will be left here to be distributed as needed when school starts. The school is about 75% finished, and we will be putting our share of work in over the next four days. We are all really enjoying our time here. Making new connections, learning new things and creating new memories.

Fr. Noe Bernier Visits St. Bart's

Fr. Noe will be visiting St. Bart's again this fall. He will be offering a sermon at all services on September 30 and October 1 and also lead the adult forum between Sunday services. Additional details on his visit will be provided in the weekly news as we get closer to the event. In the meantime, please save the dates.