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September 2019

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HOME

The Rev. Mark McKone-Sweet

Dear friends,

I hope and pray this newsletter finds you in good health and spirits. It's good to be home.

As you may know, I have just returned from my sabbatical/clergy renewal time. I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to let go, invest in my family,

discover our ancestral roots, and immerse ourselves in cultural exchange—it was the experience of a lifetime. I'll be sharing more in the months to come. But today, I want to convey my gratitude for St. Bart's.

Over the course of 14 weeks, I took a broad,

unscientific survey of churches in parts of Guatemala, London, Wales, Ireland, Israel, Palestine, Massachusetts, and San Diego. I visited more than fifty churches and prayed in countless others. Yes, that is a lot of churches. What did I see? What did I learn?

In church after church, I listened as clergy person after clergy person, lay leader after lay leader shared a universal message: although they love their churches, they are exhausted, and their parking lots, worship services, and formation classes are quiet and empty. Most churches are dead or on life support.

A few parishes have been reborn through tourism and art galleries. The vast majority, however, are struggling to keep their doors open. To be honest,

it was depressing and frustrating, because I believe the world—every country, every neighborhood, every generation to come—needs to know the power of God's love as expressed through the Jesus Movement.

My experiences in these churches affirmed

that the St. Bart's mission is to defy the decline of sacramental churches—to be a seven-day-a-week faith family serving our neighbors, both locally and around the world. Over the years, St. Bart's has evolved to meet God's urgent cry



The Rev. Mark McKone-Sweet

to spread the Good News, and it continues to demonstrate a willingness to risk it all, to embrace change and manifest the abundance of God's love. What a privilege it is to come home to a community of people determined to welcome folks into fellowship and transform lives! Churches like ours—beacons of hope, safe places for all—are needed more than ever.

Now is the time to engage your journey with your fellow sojourners. This newsletter is one big WELCOME HOME message, with opportunities for everyone, from every generation, to meet and serve others and to discover Jesus alive in our hearts, over and over again.

Come make St. Bart's your spiritual home! Come invite and welcome others yearning to find God. And come celebrate the Good News of Jesus Christ in real-time, in the midst of our daily lives.

Faithfully yours,

Mark+

Around St. Bart's This Summer



Vacation Bible School







Sabbatical Soiree: Guatemala







Pride Parade

A Community Choir For All

John-Luke Addison, Director of Music

Have you ever thought to yourself, "Gee, I would really like to sing in a choir, but I really can't commit the time," or "I'm not sure I would like it?" It's something most of us have thought at one time or another, and this year, our Music Ministry is offering something new for those of us in this boat: The St. Bart's Community Choir.

What is a community choir? It's an exciting opportunity to sing in the chorus for individual music events, rather than making a full-year commitment to weekly rehearsals and services. You will only need to make 6-7 short rehearsals, rather than the full rehearsal workload that the parish choir undertakes. And there is no audition component, as those with any experience and age should feel welcome to participate; all that is required is a willingness to learn and an enthusiasm for music.

On November 2 & 3, the Music Ministry is presenting Mozart's *Requiem*, a large-scale, classical masterwork with full orchestra and soloists, and YOU have the opportunity to be involved.

The work frequently appears on lists of top-10 pieces ever written, and is a very dramatic score, from the incessant Dies Irae to the hauntingly beautiful Lacrimosa. Rehearsals begin on September 26, from 6:45-7:30, and continue until October 31. As well, we are presenting a joint concert of Vivaldi's Gloria and Schubert's Mass in G on June 7, 2020, which will also employ the community choir. Those rehearsals have a similar schedule beginning late-April.

Maybe you've been singing your whole life, or maybe you're inexperienced and looking for a new challenge. In my years of experience in choir directing, I have yet to encounter a choir member who cannot sing or cannot follow a part. And maybe you'd like to bring a friend so you have a 'choral buddy' to share the experience with. As with all things at St. Bart's, all are welcome, no exceptions.

St. Bartholomew's COMMUNITY CHOIR

John-Luke Addison, Director of Music Jenny Yun, Accompanist

Do you love to sing?

Have you ever wanted to join a choir and sing the great masterworks? Join us at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Poway for our inaugural season! All are welcome, regardless of music experience!

2019-2020 Season:

Vivaldi Gloria Schubert Mass in G Major

Sunday June 7, 2020, 4 p.m., St. Bart's, Poway Rehearsals Thursday evenings, 6:45-7:30 p.m. April 23 through June 4

Mozart's Requiem

Saturday November 2, 2019, 4 p.m., St. Luke's, La Mesa Sunday November 3, 2019, 4 p.m., St. Bart's, Poway Rehearsals Thursday evenings, 6:45-7:30 p.m. September 26 through October 31

For more information, please email jladdison@stbartschurch.org or call (858) 432-7112



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Sponsor an Evensong

John-Luke Addison, Director of Music

Do you have a passion for hosting? This year, the Music Ministry is looking for individuals or groups to 'sponsor' our monthly Evensong services,

by providing food and drinks at the receptions afterward. It has been a St. Bart's tradition to have light



refreshments on the patio following major music events, and it is a wonderful way to engage visitors in community together. In the past, the responsibility has been on the singers and instrumentalists to provide the refreshments at these events, so to have external individuals take ownership would be a great way to show our appreciation for their musical offerings.

We are looking for volunteers for the following dates:

October 6: Choral Evensong

November 3: Mozart's Requiem

December 22: Community Festival of Lessons and Carols

January 12: String Ensemble Evening Prayer

February 9: Choristers' Evensong

March 1: Lenten Masterwork: Wood's Passion of St. Mark

April 5: Handbell Evening Prayer for Palm Sunday

May 3: Choral Evensong

June 7: Vivaldi's Gloria and Schubert's Mass in G

If you feel like you may be interested in putting together a team for one of these dates, or doing it solo, please contact Director of Music, John-Luke Addison, jladdison@stbartschurch.org or (858) 432-7112. Thank you in advance!

Padres Faith & Family Night

Kristeen Evans

Join other churches from around Southern California the Padres Faith & Family Night on Saturday, September 21 when the Padres take on the D-Backs at 5:40 p.m. All fans in attendance will receive a 2019 Team Photo and 2020 Schedule. Stay after the game for a Q&A and testimonials with players, as well as a concert by Josh Wilson. Tickets cost \$28 each for the Toyota Terrace Pavilion. Deadline to purchase tickets is Monday, September 9. Contact Beth Dean, bdean@stbartschurch.org, to purchase tickets or for more information.



Angels Needed for Program

Rosalind Duddy

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. This Christmas St. Bart's will participate in the Angel Tree Prison Fellowship.

Right now we're seeking angels to call caregivers and find out what the kids would like for Christmas. Starting in early October, you'll call five families with a specific script to gather the necessary information for gift selection. Let your light shine! Contact Rosalind Duddy to volunteer, 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!

What Do Americans Know About God?

Prof. Bob Capettini and The Rev. Bill Zettinger

On September 11, we will begin a new teaching series on God In America facilitated by both Prof. Bob Capettini and the Rev. Bill Zettinger. God in America is a six-part video and discussion series exploring the origins of the religious landscape in America and the issue of religious liberty.

Come discover the impact of the civil war on the nation from a religious perspective and how slavery split the nation in two. We will explore how the 19th century forces of modernity challenged traditional faith and drove a wedge between liberal and conservative believers.

Continuing farther into the 20th century and the post-World War II era, how did rising evangelist Billy Graham inspire a religious revival that fused faith with patriotism in a Cold War battle with "Godless Communism?" As Americans flocked in record numbers to houses of worship, we will explore how non-believers and religious minorities appealed to the US Supreme Court to test the constitutionality of religious expression in public schools.

The final hour of God in America brings the series into the present day, exploring the religious and political aspirations of conservative evangelicals' moral crusade over divisive social issues like abortion and gay marriage. Their embrace of presidential politics would end in disappointment and questions about the mixing of religion and politics, and the effect 9-11 had on religion.

The series will conclude with an in-depth presentation by the Rev Bill Zettinger on the History of the Episcopal Church in

America - how it came to be, how it finally broke away from the Church of England and how it separated into the North and South during the civil war. We'll also analyze the church structure in the modern age - the struggle to allow women to be priests, the struggle to allow gay priests and bishops, and where the church stands today on the issues of Human Rights and Politics.

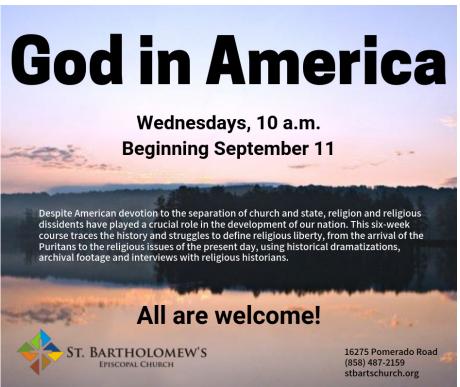
By the end of this course, you will know a lot about the church and religion in America. A recent PEW study asked Americans what they knew of religion in America today. The results were surprising. The Pew Research Center asked Americans 32 multiple-choice questions about religion and spirituality earlier this year. You can take the quiz yourself by going to www.pewresearch.org/quiz/u-s-religious-knowledge-quiz/.

Here's what Pew found:

 Many Americans know some basic facts about major religions and belief systems — and not just Christianity. Seventy-nine percent

- of respondents knew that, in Christianity, the Trinity is one God in three persons (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) and that Moses led the Exodus of Israelites from Egypt, a tenet of both Christianity and Judaism. Sixty-two percent of respondents knew that Mecca is Islam's holiest city and a place of pilgrimage, while 60 percent knew that Ramadan is an Islamic holy month. Atheism (87 percent correctly described it as not believing in God) is better understood than agnosticism (61 percent answered correctly that it means being unsure of the existence of God).
- 2. It gets murky for people outside of the basics. Respondents really struggled with some questions. For example, only 24 percent answered correctly that Rosh Hashanah celebrates the Jewish New Year. Only 26 percent knew that Islam is the religion of most people in Indonesia. Even some Christian doctrines and facts are not that well-known: even though Christianity is the faith of about 70 percent of Americans, only 51 percent correctly said that Jesus is the person known for giving the "Sermon on the Mount" (a number that was low considering that's a fairly important event in Christianity). Just 22 percent of Americans could describe the "prosperity gospel," which is generally associated with evangelical Christians (Pew defined it as the tenet that "those of strong faith will be blessed by God with financial success and good health").

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Children's Ministry News

Maureen Hovannesian & Karen Matsumoto

If you've been around St. Bart's this summer, you've probably seen the new Children's Ministry flag in the courtyard on Sundays. That flag will be out every



weekend calling you to check in with us before moving onto your Sunday School class and see what's new with Children's Ministry.

Parents and children were welcomed at our Sunday School Open House last month. Sunday School begins September 15, which gives families time to adjust to new school routines. If you haven't registered your children - Pre K through 5th grade - for Sunday School, please contact children@stbartschurch.org.



September 8

Grandparents Day Luncheon

Come and celebrate grandparents day together. Bring your grandchild. Bring your grandparent. If they aren't close - no problem. Sign up to adopt one of our St. Bart's parishioners for the day. What a great opportunity to build connections across generations. RSVP is helpful for planning purposes. Stop by the Children's Ministry table after church or contact our Children's Minister, children@stbartschurch.org. All are welcome!

September 15

Sunday School Begins

Welcome back to another year of learning and growing together.

Mark your calendar for a coupe fun family events next month:

October 27, 4 p.m. Trunk or Treat

October 5 & 6, all services Blessing of the Animals

What Do Americans Know About God? continu

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Prof. Bob Capettini and The Rev. Bill Zettinger

- 3. Americans really don't know the number of Jewish and Muslim people living in the U.S. According to Pew Research estimates, about 2 percent of American adults are Jewish and 1 percent are Muslim. But only 26 percent of respondents answered correctly that Muslims make up less than 5 percent of the population in the U.S. Only 19 percent knew that the share of Jewish Americans is also below 5 percent. Most either thought the Muslim American and Jewish populations were each larger than 5 percent or didn't know. The study suspected that the explanation for these inaccurate responses might not totally be about how much Americans know about these two religions but may instead be related to broader issues of culture and politics.
- 4. Other research has shown that Americans have inaccurate views about the size of many demographic groups and may be particularly likely to overstate the size of groups of which they are not a part of. For example, Republicans vastly overestimate the number of Democrats who are black.
- 5. Some groups answered more questions correctly than others. On average, respondents answered 14 of the 32 questions correctly. But, people who are Jewish (19 correct responses on average), atheist (18) and agnostic (17) scored the best.

Our hope is that by the time this short course is completed you will be able to answer almost all of the PEW report questions accurately and have a much broader understanding of Religion in America.

A Summer of Entertaining

Kristeen Evans

This summer St. Bart's parishioners made new friends and mingled with fellow parishioners at our "Let Us Entertain You" events. Each event was planned and hosted by St. Bart's parishioners! The creativity and variety of events was amazing. There was a Paella Dinner Party; Eat, Drink



and Paint gathering; Lobster & Shrimp Rolls with the Rollings; Wines of Paso Robles Tasting and much more! Here's a look back at this entertaining summer.







It was super fun hosting our Eat, Drink & Paint Party to benefit St. Bart's. Thanks to Ashley for teaching us to paint! We enjoyed meeting some new parishioners as well as seeing old friends.

~Anne Snyder



Rolf and I had a great time hosting our brunch for "Let Us Entertain You". The heat was kept outside thanks to air conditioning and, despite my hope to be able to serve mimosas on the dressed-up patio, we all vetoed the idea and shared our lives and experiences inside around the dining room table. I must say that I had lots of champagne and coffee leftover as it was simply too hot to drink anything but ice water! Lots of funny stories were shared and one fairly new couple got to get to know all of us a little better. What a great way to get to know others in our parish family. I heartily recommend many more of these gatherings. Potlucks are coming up in the Fall and that's even easier as the host family just has to provide the space and everyone brings the feast. Thanks for the opportunity to participate. It was fun and made me polish up my cooking and hostess skills.

~Maureen Hustad



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St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church Treasurer's Report – First Six Months of 2019

St. Bartholomew's is living into the strategic plan and it is time to provide an update on the financial health of our church. This report is intended to accompany the financial statements of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Poway, CA, for June 30, 2019.

For the first six months of 2019 total revenue is \$621,311, which is 16% greater than last year at the same time. YTD pledge receipts are equal to 50.4% of the total pledge budget which is in line with expectations.

On a year to date basis, operating expenses totaled \$612,620 which are 4% lower than 2018 and below budget by (\$11,810). During the six-month period, the church did have open positions, contributing to operating below budget.

The Preschool statement reflects a fiscal year-to-date (July 2018 – June 2019) revenue of \$435,905 and expenses of \$424,149 resulting in year-to-date net operating income of \$11,756 which is net of a \$36,000 contribution towards the operating budget and a \$7,500 transfer to the Major Repairs and Maintenance Reserve.

Year-to-date the General Outreach Fund has received \$18,000 from the Thrift shop, \$3,071 from bequests, and \$8,100 from fundraising. \$34,257 has been disbursed per the approved 2019 budget of the Outreach Committee. The balance in the General Outreach Fund is \$42,657. Scholarships of \$9,375 were awarded in June leaving a balance of \$18,279 in the Scholarship Fund.

For this report the Building Campaign data is through <u>July 31, 2019</u>. Total pledges and contributions to Honor Faith Build Future are \$6,166,064. Cash received to date is \$2,773,890; the Gain/Loss from stock sales and interest is \$18,427; and Disbursements are (\$819,979). This results in available Building Campaign cash of \$1,972,339.

The Endowment Fund shows total net assets of \$857,471 including \$78,500 of permanently restricted endowment, \$760,001 in Vestry Designated Reserves and \$18,970 of accumulated earnings and funds held by the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego.

The Columbarium has net assets of \$133,598 including \$30,000 for the future Columbarium expansion for new niches.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry McCune, Treasurer

Note: For Financial Reports, please contact me at treasurer@stbartschurch.org.

Regular Meetings

SUNDAY

Children's Choir Rehearsal (ages 7-13)

11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Interfaith Community Services (ICS) - Merle's Place

1st & 3rd Sunday, 4-6 p.m.

Contact Jill Henderson, 760-807-8445

MONDAY

Boy Scouts

7 p.m., Parish Hall

Handbell Choir Rehearsal

7 p.m., Choir Room

TUESDAY

Prayers and Squares Quilt Ministry

Tuesdays (except fifth Tuesday), 1 p.m., Quilt Room

Centering Prayer

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

Our Space

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., Education Building 1st Floor

WEDNESDAY

Interfaith Community Services (ICS)

Serve breakfast, fourth Wednesday 6 a.m. Contact Jill Henderson, (760) 807-8445

Thrift Shop Work Night

Last Wednesday at 4 p.m., Thrift Shop

Schola Cantorum Rehearsal

6 p.m., Choir Room

Youth CREW

6 p.m., Youth Room, September-June

String Ensemble Rehearsal

7 p.m., Choir Room

THURSDAY

B.P.U.S.A. – Bereaved Parents

4th Thursday, 6:30 p.m., 3AB

Choir Rehearsal

7 p.m., Music Room

Support Groups

AA MEETINGS

Sundays, 6 p.m., South Parish Hall

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., South Parish Hall

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Mondays, 12 p.m., South Parish Hall Tuesdays, 12 p.m., Parish Hall

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