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Love Generously

The Rev. Mark McKone-Sweet

Dear Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you and those you pray for in good health and spirits.

I want to invite you to give thanks to God when you wake up and before bedtime, each and every day. And see how your heart, mind, and life are changed.

We know that the source of all love is

God, made manifest in Jesus Christ. And we know, through God's word (scripture) and the gift of the Holy Spirit (God's steadfast presence in our hearts and daily lives), that God's love is never-ending. Even when we sin or deny God or Jesus, God loves us and yearns for our return.

So what, I wonder, is the source of generosity? It is a heart full of gratitude to God.

What does

generosity look like? It's different from giving and donating. Nor is it the same as giving for personal gain.

Sometimes an act of generosity is clear and obvious. Earlier this year, during a commencement speech at Morehouse College, Robert F. Smith announced that "on behalf of the eight generations of my family who have been in this country, we're gonna put a little fuel in your bus."



He pledged to donate \$40 million to pay off the debt of the 2019 graduating class.

I dream of being able to be that generous to that many people especially those I do not know. Don't you? But it doesn't take \$40 million. I have the privilege of witnessing generosity daily, with my own eyes:



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- An office volunteer who literally gave the shoes off her feet to a woman found in distress on our property
- People who have given countless hours each week, for decades, at the thrift shop
- A family who birthed a child for a relative (we baptized the baby girl)
- A preschool parent who cares for another child whose parents sometimes feel overwhelmed
- A company founder who turned over ownership/future equity to employees
- A family business that, before closing its doors due to poor sales, ensured it had enough cash to triple every employee's stock/retirement account
- A person who weeds the church's gardens, alone
- A youth helping another youth with homework at youth group
- A homeless person volunteering in one of our ministries

Generosity is more than volunteering or giving of time, talent, and treasure. It's an indicator of the fullness of one's heart, of gratitude to God. When I give thanks to God each morning and each night, I can give more generously from my heart to others, and to you.

The crux is this—to give thanks to God as you engage in your faith journey, so you can witness (or hear a witness) to God at work, even in the face of all life's trials, both yours and others'.

Pray for me, as I pray for you. Pray that I may be able to see Jesus, even when the world seems dark and the pain and suffering are overwhelming. And pray that when I can't see or claim the power of God's love, God will send people into my life who will show it to me.

Faithfully yours,

Mark+



Honoring Our Faith and Building for the Future

Judy Macemon, Chair of Redevelopment Campaign

The promise of our campus redevelopment campaign becomes reality with the completion of Phase 1 this summer. Over 70 people celebrated the first Celtic Eucharist service in our new Chapel at 5 p.m. on September 7, and St. Bart's Preschoolers started visiting the Chapel on Wednesday and Thursday that same week for Children's Chapel. St. Bart's Youth Group and multiple parish and community groups are meeting in the Youth/Multi-purpose Room and using the new kitchenette and ADA bathrooms.





These previously under-utilized rooms are now vibrant worship and meeting spaces that support ministries today and for the future.

For almost 60 years St. Bart's Church has served the community and its members. We are grateful for this legacy of faith and commitment that brought us to where we are today. And yet we know that honoring our history and traditions alone cannot prevent the decline so pervasive in all sacramental churches today. Our Strategic Plan (link) prioritizes a roadmap that challenges our parish to grow into the church for the future, serving God's people seven days a week.

This roadmap provides a comprehensive master campus plan developed with extensive feedback from our members. Our input identified clear priorities to support ministry today and the future: (1) improve campus accessibility, (2) improve safety and increase (handicapped) parking, (3) provide flexible meeting and worship space. Updates on the plan and listening to feedback continue as we take each step forward together. Our next step is Phase 2 in summer 2020: a new Upper Parking Area and expanded playground will be built where the Parish Hall and Columbarium ramp are currently located. New walkways will be constructed to the Columbarium and the Chapel Courtyard from the lower parking area.



This phase of our campus redevelopment provides "gamechanging" upper-level access to the courtyard level providing safe drop-off for Preschool, disabled parking and access for Chapel and sanctuary worship, and improved access for parish ministries and community meetings seven days a week. The new low slope walkway will provide more comfortable access to the Columbarium, and a second new walkway makes safe access to the Chapel courtyard from the lower parking area.

As we complete our redevelopment campaign to raise \$8M, we will begin Phase 3A, building the ground level of the new Parish Community Center with target start summer 2022/2023. This phase features multi-purpose meeting rooms, industrial kitchen and ADA restrooms with a covered roof terrace above. Phase 3B will require an additional later campaign to complete the Parish Community Center with the large upper-level meeting and worship area, commercial kitchen and additional ADA restrooms.



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Why Choir School Is Important

John-Luke Addison

One of the new initiatives of the St. Bartholomew's Music Ministry has been to create a Choir School for music education of our children and youth, where kids gain comprehensive exposure to music and learn valuable life skills along the way. Modeled after the Cathedral choir school programs in England (and now all around the world), children start by singing with treble voices only, and eventually when they reach 13 or 14, or when boys' voices change, they move into singing with the adult choir in their appropriate voice part. This creates an intergenerational music ministry, where young and old are encouraged to participate together in worship.

Virtually every study on children's music education has shown that having exposure to music and the arts facilitates higher levels of creativity, literacy, motor skills, and many more. Singing in groups also helps to instill higher levels of collaboration, teamwork, and social skills, which are all very important attributes to hone through child development. It is an excellent opportunity to enrich children's lives in a fun, cooperative atmosphere.

Students will be learning all about singing and music at weekly Sunday 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. rehearsals while working on music theory workbooks, and taking periodic examinations to advance levels. They also sing once per month in church, and at various concerts and special services (Easter, Christmas Eve, etc.).

The St. Bartholomew's Choir School is accepting registrations for children aged 6-13. There is no fee to register. Anyone interested in registering their children, or requesting more information, should contact John-Luke Addison, Director of Music, at jladdison@stbartschurch.org.



Piano Lessons Available

John-Luke Addison

Have you ever wanted to learn piano, or brush up on a skill you learned when you were a child? Or would you like to enrich your children's lives with further music education? John-Luke Addison, Director of Music, is



starting a piano studio held at St. Bart's and is accepting anyone who is interested in learning. John-Luke's lessons are always fun and engaging, while also very informative and well-structured. Whether you want to learn classical, jazz, pop, or any other style, feel free to reach out and we can discuss what will work for you. Contact John-Luke at jladdison@stbartschurch.org.

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Judy Macemon, Chair of Redevelopment Campaign



Together we have raised \$6.8 million towards our \$8 million campaign goal with over 200 families making sacrificial gifts to ensure the future of St. Bart's today and for generations to come. These gifts are in addition to our annual pledge, and gifts of all sizes are important and a blessing. If your family already made a pledge to this campaign thank you. If you are new to the parish or are still praying about how to support the campaign, we look forward to meeting with you to get to know you and to answer questions about campus redevelopment. Join us to provide a campus that enhances our worship and ministry experience, is easily accessible and serves the mission of the church.

An Exciting New Sunday Forum Series: Entangled States

The Rev. Bill Zettinger and Bill Scott

Beginning October 11th, 2019 immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Sunday service in our new Youth/MPR (multi-purpose room) we will begin a six-week series that explores the entangled state between science and religion.

Myself, having spent most of my life in science and engineering before my ordination, and Bill Scott, as a Physicist for SAIC, are often asked the question "Are faith and science compatible?" And, how do we reconcile the two points of view? During this series we will attempt to answer that question.

Prominent clashes - both historical and contemporary - have led to the widely held conclusion that science and religion are fundamentally incompatible. Yet, many scientists practice a traditional faith, having found a way to accommodate both scientific inquiry and religious teaching in their belief system.



Other scientists are bringing science to bear on the phenomenon of religion and spiritual belief — neuroscientists are studying what happens in the brain during religious experiences, Astrophysicists are asking how did the Big Bang start creation while anthropologists are investigating how religion is linked to cooperation in the community.

There is also that crazy world of quantum physics where physicists believe that just by observing a particle it is affected in some way and this matter of quantum phase entanglement may explain why prayer works.

At the heart of the fundamentalist rejection of evolution and support for creationism is the fear that evolution rules out belief in a Creator and nullifies the Bible. But is this so? Admittedly, the mutual suspicion with which theology and science regard each other goes all the way back to the sixteenth century to a Polish astronomer named Nicholas Copernicus (a Deacon by the way) who was the first to suggest that the sun, rather than the earth, was at the center of the universe. Less than one hundred years later, the Italian scientist, Galileo, supported the view of Copernicus.

This public endorsement earned him the wrath of the Roman Catholic Church because a sun-centered universe contradicted several references in the Bible to the earth being stationary.

Although Galileo considered himself a loyal Catholic, the

Church did not, and the Inquisition found him guilty of heresy and confined him to house arrest. Interestingly, it took the Roman Catholic Church more than 350 years to admit its error and restore Galileo's reputation as one of the pioneers of modern science.

That kind of suspicion between faith and science is still present today, and not just with fundamentalists, but even with some mainline Protestants. It is said one in five mainline Protestants take the Bible literally.

For the truth is, we all wonder how to reconcile what we have learned from astronomy, geology, biology, and physics with what we have learned in the Bible and in the church.

For these seven weeks will explore all these fascinating topics and take a journey into faith and science together. Come join us.

Week 1: An Overview of the Creation Story; How and Why?

Week 2: The Rocky Road Between Science and Scripture

Week 3: Why Things are Different Today - Quantum Physics May Have the Answers.

Week 4: An End To Upside Down Thinking

Week 5: The End is Just The Beginning

Week 6: When We Doe Then We Live

Week 7: Surviving Death - The Evidence!

Children's Ministry News

Maureen Hovannesian & Karen Matsumoto

Our Children's Ministry had a great summer learning about Saints and all the ways they have shown God's love to others. As our final project, each child chose a favorite Saint; writing and drawing about what made their Saint special. We learned that there are so many ways to share God's love with others – We can be Saints too! lessons that focus on God's message of love while experiencing creative activities that integrate Bible learning with everyday life



We also celebrated Grandparents Day with a special luncheon. Some children brought their grandparents, while others "adopted" a grandparent for the day. Everyone enjoyed food and games together. We loved seeing so many smiling faces.



Sunday school is in full swing for the program year. Our amazing team of volunteers was ready and waiting as our children returned to class on Sunday, September 15. It was a terrific start to our new year.

In Sunday school, our focus is to ensure that our children know God's love and feel empowered to share it with the world. St. Bart's youngest students are exploring age-appropriate stories from the Bible, thematic books, arts and crafts, music, prayer and class discussions to reinforce the message; love God and love your neighbor as yourself. Our older students are being introduced to our weekly gospel readings using child-centered



Volunteer at St. Mark's

St. Mark's seeks requests volunteers to help with providing hot showers to people without homes. St. Marks is located at 4227 Fairmount Ave., 92105. For more information, contact Amy Maxim, 406-291-3149.

2nd Wednesdays & 4th Thursdays 9 a.m.-12 p.m. October 9, October 24, December 1-15 & 24 and faith beyond the walls of St. Bart's. It is a wonderful time full of learning, friendship, and fun!

All Sunday school classrooms and our nursery are on the 3rd floor this year. It allows us all to be in one area and make the most of our wonderful education building. Students, Pre-K through 5th Grade, gather at 10:15 a.m. in the Education Building. Children are escorted by their teachers back to church during the peace (approximately 10:45 a.m.) We hope you will join us!



Interfaith Outreach Opportunity

Jill Henderson

Individuals, couples, families, and friends welcome to serve. Interfaith's New Recovery & Wellness Center Needs volunteers to prepare and serve dinner to residents of their sobering program. The Center provides a safe place for homeless and low-income individuals to recover from drug and alcohol abuse in a long-term residential setting. St. Bart's has committed to sending 2-3 people twice a month to help the Interfaith cook prepare and serve meals to this growing population of residents. Please consider helping on one or more of these dates. Contact Jill Henderson, jfh@cox.net, for more information.

> Ist, 3rd, 5th Sundays, 4-6 p.m. Next open dates: October 6, December 1, 15 & 29

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:

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!



Flat Jesus found his way to the Vina de Lestonnac Retreat Center in Temecula this month with 14 members of the Prayers & Squares Quilt Ministry (pictured here). The theme of this summertime retreat was "Delight in the Son". The prayer quilters were delighted to have renowned quilt teacher and founder of Prayers & Squares International, Wendy Mathson, as their guest teacher. The ladies learned a new quilt pattern and many quilting tips and tricks. Delicious food, fun games, sharing favorite summertime memories, and prayer was all part of a memorable and delightful weekend.

Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4

Diversity Workshop

Costa Dillon

As part of our efforts to develop a parish community that is welcome to all and illustrates the principle of All Are Welcome – No Exceptions, we will be holding a Diversity and Inclusion Workshops for members of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church.

This workshop will consist of two, four-hour sessions on Saturday October 26 and Saturday November 2. Both sessions will be 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. The workshop is limited to 24 participants and you must commit to attending both sessions.

The workshops are designed to

- explore what we mean by diversity and inclusion
- create awareness by each participant about their own connections and limitations regarding tolerance and diversity issues
- recognize and identify barriers to inclusion
- identify things we can do to truly make St. Bart's welcome to all.

Participants must be ready to actively and openly engage in discussion. As all diversity training includes some elements of potentially uncomfortable subjects, participants must be willing to accept that this situation in an honest and open manner. The workshop is designed not to single out individuals or to find blame. It is important to emphasize this is not a workshop on racism or civil rights. Rather, it is a recognition that diversity means everyone and that every person has s unique set of attributes that contribute to our collective whole.

The workshop will be conducted by parish member Costa Dillon. Costa is a retired National Park Service ranger and park superintendent. He has extensive experience in teaching and training as the National Park Service's Chief of Training and Employee Development and as the Superintendent of the Horace Albright Training Center where he was responsible for the orientation training for all new National Park Service employees. He has been on the faculty of Indiana University and the University of New Hampshire. Costa has more than 35 years of experience in developing and teaching diversity and inclusion training and has been recognized for his success in developing diverse workforces in parks he managed. He is the recipient of the Secretary of the Interior's Award for Long Term Achievement in Diversity and the Urban League of Northwest Indiana's Moving the Needle Award and Development Award for accomplishments in diversity and inclusion at Indiana Dunes National Park.

Participation will be first-come, first-served. To sign up contact Beth Dean at bdean@stbartschurch.org or call 858.487.2159.



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

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