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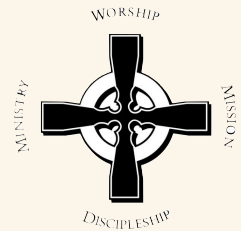
The Newsletter of St. Bartholomew's Church



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"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."

John 15:5,8 NIV



Our Mission

We are a family of believers (kingdom community), on a journey to the fulfillment of our God-given purpose.

Our mission is:

- 1) To bring people to know Jesus Christ;
- 2) To provide clear and life-changing discipleship training;
- 3) To help people discern their life's purpose and provide opportunities for them to fulfill that purpose in ministry and mission. The fruit of our endeavor is that God be glorified in all the world (worship).



Top: New Vestry Members (from left) - Adam Wirdzek, Vanessa Hardy, Carmen Hall and Dorman Burtch. Photos by Katherine Bomboy

ST. B'S 55TH ANNUAL MEETING: AN INVITATION TO BE A PART OF THE STORY

by Pam White, Director of Operations

On Sunday, February 8th, St. B's held our 55th Annual Meeting. We had 350 people (children and adults) in attendance who enjoyed a delicious potluck supper made by members of St. B's.

The gymnasium was decorated in a storybook theme with lights, ivy and candles interspersed throughout the

area. Each of the 32 eating tables was decorated differently to represent the ministries and missions of St. B's. A prize (a \$10 St. B's bookstore gift certificate) was awarded to each member of the "table" who could correctly identify the most number of ministries as represented by the various tables.

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Charlie Reasor. (Officers: Steve Thorne, interim
treasurer and Gary Mumme, vestry clerk)

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Mimi Heldman & Donna Easter at the Annual Meeting.
Photo by Katherine Bomboy.

Articles and photos for the Easter Branch
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(Good Friday).

Articles can be sent to:
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Make Lent a Season of Surrender

I am writing this while in the middle of a week-long pre-Lenten retreat.

As well as reading both Scripture and some good devotional books, I have been spending a lot of time reflecting on one particular prayer in the Book of Common Prayer. If Lent is to be a season of self-evaluation and increased devotion then this prayer has been the perfect springboard for me this week.

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you; and then use us, we pray, as You will, and always to you glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen. (BCP page 832)

I was taken back by the implication that God wants all of us to be living for his glory and for the welfare of his people. None of us seems to be immune from this. But what does it take to be living this kind of life?

The “purifier’s fire” began to burn around my toes when I went back and began to seriously reflect on the answer to that question: “Draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you.”

I found myself realizing how much I want to protect my heart rather than allowing it to be consumed by devotion to God. You see, He wants that we love what he loves and He wants us to forgive as His heart is willing to forgive. He wants that we be grieved by what grieves Him. He wants that our heart become as much like His as Jesus’ heart was like His.

Instead, I have been coming to realize just how much I have been projecting to God my own human heart.

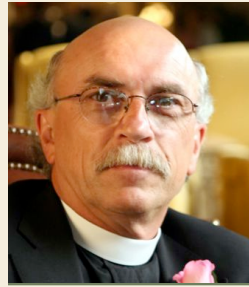
Anne Lamott is credited with saying that we know how much we have made God in our own image when He hates all the same things and people we do.

Lent is a season to allow God to be God and allow His heart to consume our own.

While away I had to own the truth that more often than I want to acknowledge, I am the master of my own mind. I read what supports what I already believe; I think in pretty much the same way that I have for years; and as much as I like to think I challenge my intellect it is very easy for me to live in the same comfort zones, seldom venturing out to new places.

The realm of my own imagination has challenged me. How very gripping it can be and so deceptive! Our culture is built on the capturing of our imaginations and making us believe in a reality that is often counterfeit. We allow television and other media to create an unrealistic world, airbrushed and beautiful, which makes this actual world pale and unappealing. Consequently, we are tempted to be voyeurs rather than participants in the unfolding of God’s story, because participation demands we face the truth about the false paradigms we have been living in.

I have realized how much I cling to my will. I like to be self-determining. God wants me to relinquish my will to Him but this means I give up control. Being human, I like the power of control.



KINGDOM TALK

by Fr. Jerry Smith

Rector,
St. Bartholomew’s

All of the above made me wonder just how much I really want to be wholly His, utterly dedicated to Him.

If I really care for those for whom God cares then there is no option but to make Lent a season of relinquishment and surrender. On the other hand, I can so easily develop a theology that allows me to hold on to my life. Our culture tells me I am entitled to that, although in the depths of my heart I know better. I know that I am not my own, as I have been purchased by Jesus’ free will offering of his life on my behalf. In the recesses of my heart, I know that all that I think is important in this life is fleeting and illusionary. I know that which the world offers is pale in comparison to what God provides. But the voices of this world are so strong!

Lent is to be a time of quieting those voices by providing space for God’s voice to break through in our lives. It is to be our “retreat” to see what the nature of our hearts, minds, imaginations and wills are really like. If we dare take up the challenge of Lent we are assured of an enlightening, demanding and yet refreshing time as the Father of all Creation stirs new life in us this season. As Lent does fall in the spring season so may this be a season of spring to our souls.

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55th Annual Meeting (continued from page 1)



TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

by Pam White

Director of Operations

The theme of the evening was “Be a Part of the Story” – the St. B’s Story. Fr. Jerry urged people to partner with him in ministry through giving of their time, talents and treasures. The analogy of a millipede was provided as the legs of the millipede were compared to the members of our church family. When all the legs of the millipede are working together and moving forward the millipede is able to accomplish much. Just as when all the members of St. B’s (not just a few) are using their time, talents and treasures collectively, we are able to do great things for the Kingdom of God.

A narrative budget was given by Fr. Jerry and Pam White, Director of Operations. The total 2009 operating budget is \$1,401,186 with the breakdown as follows: 34% Discipleship (adult, youth and children), 30% Mission and Outreach, 20% Worship, 16% Ministries (pastoral care and fellowship).

Four new vestry members were elected to replace the outgoing members (Sarah Bell Earley, Mavis Harrop, Tom Howard and Harry Xanthopolous). As done during the past two years, the election was conducted through the drawing of “lots”. The four new vestry members chosen were Dorman Burtch, Adam Wirdzeck, Vanessa Hardy, and Carmen Hall.

Many thanks to all those who volunteered their time and talents in making our annual meeting such a success! Thank you to Donna Easter, Dick Jewell, Mimi Heldman, Sarah Earley, Clara Earley, Jamie Myatt,

Maureen Smith,
Malcolm White,
Jackson

White, Beth Ramsay, Brea Cox, Ann Denson, Katherine Bomboy, Erin Somerville, Annie Heyward, Jane Long, Allison Hardwick, Henry Martin, Manaen Hall and the 3rd and 4th grade Sunday School class.



Photos by Katherine Bomboy



The Vestry and Lent

A call to prayer from the new Senior Warden



THE WARDEN'S REPORT

by Andy Valentine

Senior Warden of the Vestry

"The Lord be with you" - the salutation of Christians from almost the beginning of the Church. Sometimes we forget that in English *be* is also present tense. We are not wishing or hoping, but stating that the Lord is with us NOW. Entering the Lenten season, we are well served to stop our busy lives long enough to dwell for these weeks on the marvelous fact that Christ abides in us.

The census of religious adherents rank the major religions but never mention the religion most people on this planet give their allegiance to, the worship of Mammon. The worship of Mammon is simply the belief that material things of this world can protect us, insulate us from the ugliness that exists in the world or can indeed give us comfort. We become so busy that we forget to meditate and pray without ceasing and become deaf

to that still small voice of God that calls us to a true knowledge of the "Lord with us".

The vestry is not immune to this pressure. We are called and elected to be stewards of the church's material goods, its finances, grounds and

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physical plant. We are called and elected to make material decisions that may have dramatic spiritual repercussions. What if we vote to not fund a ministry that God is calling the parish to do? What if we put the churches resources into projects that prayerful consideration would lead us to avoid. Many voices, not all of them spiritually motivated, make an argument for their particular "need" and these arguments can be very persuasive.

Pray especially for the vestry as the church enters the Lenten season. Pray that we, the vestry members, will put aside the pressure of life experienced by every single person on the vestry and turn to that part of ourselves that acknowledges the Lord is indeed with us. Pray that we give up any pride in our knowledge and ability. Pray that we turn this knowledge and ability over to the service of and guidance by the Holy Spirit that In Him, With Him and through Him we can wisely do the work to which we have been called.



New Vestry Officers elected in February

by Pam White, Director of Operations

At February's vestry meeting, Andy Valentine was elected senior warden and Charlie Reasor, junior warden. Gary Mumme will be replacing Whit Smyth as vestry clerk, and a new treasurer is yet to be determined. In the interim, Steve Thorne will serve

through April as acting treasurer upon Len (current treasurer) and Jane Harrison's move to Ohio mid February.

Vestry meetings are open to St. B's members and are held the second Monday of each month at 6:30pm in the parish hall.

New Vestry Officers & Members:

Senior Warden: Andy Valentine

Junior Warden: Charlie Reasor

Clerk: Gary Mumme

Interim Treasurer: Steve Thorne

New Vestry Members: Adam Wirdzek, Vanessa Hardy, Carmen Hall, Dorman Burtch

"I Do that Everyday!"

Learning to Feast Well This Lent



A MISSIONAL LIFE

by Fr. Dixon Kinser

Assistant Rector for Youth & Young Adult Formation

Jim Gaffigan is one of my favorite stand-up comedians. His jokes are that perfect mix of truth and silliness that get me every time. On his last record he has a bit where he examines all of our holidays and makes humorous commentary on how Americans traditionally celebrate them. Here's what he has to say about Thanksgiving:

"Then there's Thanksgiving. The tradition there is that we over eat. I'm thinking that's not much of a tradition, I do that everyday!"

Gaffigan's commentary on American gluttony is always spot-on but I think he also gives Christians a good challenge in their practice of Lenten disciplines. We need to be as good as at feasting as we are at fasting.

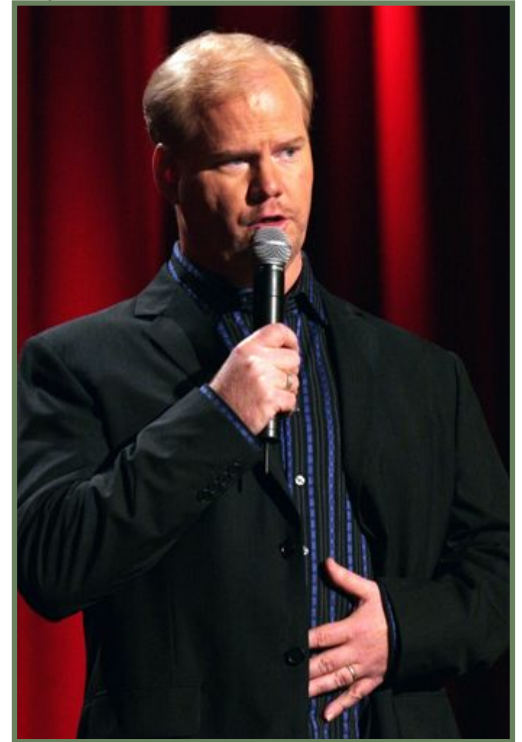
Each Lenten season Christians all over the world engage the season by taking on a unique spiritual discipline. Often this discipline involves abstaining from a particular luxury food item or leisure activity. Common choices include chocolate, coffee, and video games. The point is to practice suffering and embrace it as a transformative Christian discipline. This is an extremely helpful custom. However, choosing the right thing in our culture can be a little tricky.

I believe this is because in order to fast well, one must also be able to feast well, and that is something we do not know how to do. Sure, we know how

to indulge and binge. As Gaffigan says, we do that every day. Unfortunately this robs us of our ability to actually take pleasure in the things we are consuming. We diminish our capacity for enjoyment through constant engorgement such that feasting seems not only odd, but out of place. But it shouldn't be. Not for Christians.

This is why Sundays in Lent are marked as feast days. Not only is Sunday the day we gather to celebrate the feast of the world's redemption (the Eucharist), but it is also the day we take up what we've been abstaining from and practice enjoying it rightly. We test the waters of our souls to see how we are learning God-blessed enjoyment every time we feast. This is why feasting and fasting should always go hand in hand. Like work and Sabbath, we cannot know one without the other.

This is hard for Christians living in the United States to intuit. Our consumer culture predisposes us to crash-diet forms of ascetic spirituality as we try to compensate for the fact that we indulge all the time. This is where, oddly enough, Jim Gaffigan becomes a helpful spiritual teacher. Perhaps the very things we over do everyday are exactly the right things to give up for Lent because we can practice enjoying them properly every Sunday. What if our orientation this Lent is to learn



Comedian Jim Gaffigan

what to do with pleasure, as much as we learn how to do without it?

Consider this if you have chosen to give something up for Lent. Make sure you work on feasting as hard as you work on fasting. Celebration is a part of the kingdom of God that comes through suffering, so we should work to keep them together. Then feasting will not seem absurd, like Gaffigan's take on Thanksgiving, but like the most natural culmination of a fast well accomplished.



Trusting Jesus During Lent



YOU DOING OK?

by Fr. Randy Hoover-Dempsey

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. Love your neighbor as yourself.

Why do you hear this talked about so much at St. B's? Isn't the message about love sort of vague and mushy? Do we talk about love as a way of avoiding the more controversial issues of the day?

Our message about the need to love is based in three key ideas that are foundational to Christianity: Sin; the Church; and the work of Jesus Christ. These three ideas are also Lenten themes, so my hope is that you will be stimulated to reflect on these ideas during Lent.

First of all, there is the doctrine of sin. Sin is our willful disobedience to God. Sin results in a broken relationship between us and God and broken relationships between us and others. We believe that sin is universal—present in each human being and in all social relationships—and that sin infects everything we do.

The practical consequence of sin is that, as Paul frequently warns, we do not do what we ought to do, even if we want very badly to do good. A major theme of church discussion these days is that part of the Church is being ungodly. Some argue that the Church is ungodly because it strays from scripture; others argue that the Church is ungodly because it denies the human dignity of all people. What are we to

say to this? We are to say, "Yes." The Church is composed of human beings, therefore, the Church is sinful

in what it believes and what it does.

In fact, the Church loses nothing by confessing its sinful state. Jesus came to "call sinners." The Church is the refuge of sinners. The Church only loses when it falsely believes that it is a

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place of purity. Why has Saint Bartholomew's not left The Episcopal Church, whose faults many people—especially Episcopalians—are ready to point out? We haven't left because we take sin seriously. Wherever we go our sins will find us out. And wherever we go, the sins of our brothers and sisters will have preceded us.

Which brings us to our doctrine of the Church. Many of us have been wounded in the Church and the Church has made many blunders. So, why put up with it? We put up with the Church because it is the Body of Christ. The Church is Jesus in the world today. The Church is doing the things that Jesus did when He walked

the world in His human body. The Church is not our idea. The Church is God's idea. We recognize that Jesus is the Lord of the Church, not us. We believe that Jesus guides and accomplishes His purposes through the work of the Church.

This doctrine of the Church takes a lot of pressure off of us. Our job is not to guide and correct the Church of Jesus Christ. That is the work of Jesus and of the Holy Spirit. But, you ask, what about the error-prone national church? The Episcopal Church is not our Lord and Savior. Our hope is not in The Episcopal Church, nor the Baptist Church, nor the Church of Christ, nor the "you-fill-in-the blank" church. Our hope is in Jesus Christ.

We preach of the need for compassion and love because we have a very high doctrine of Jesus Christ. We find our salvation in Him and in Him alone. This does not mean that what we do is not important. Daily and weekly we call people to receive Jesus Christ as Savior and as Lord. As Savior He has died for our sins on the cross. As Savior He cleanses us from our sins, so that we do not have to remain captive to past and present error. As Lord he guides us and corrects us. That is the work of Jesus Christ.

Part of our sinfulness is that we want to do the work that belongs to Jesus. We want to sit in judgment on the Church and guide the Church in the way in which we think it should go. In the same way, we want to sit in judgment of one another. If Christ has received us in our sinful state, if Christ is transforming our lives through scripture and community, can we not trust Him to do the same with the Church and with others?

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St. B's 55th Annual Meeting



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Coffee Shop Talk



RUMINATIONS

by Marjie Smith

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You never really know what you are going to write about until your fingers hit the keys. I had intended to write about a deer trapped in a fence wire that was rescued by His Collarship on his way to church. He waded through hip-deep snow to free it with a set of wire cutters. But I'll let you keep wondering why a priest would be equipped with wire cutters instead of holy hardware.

For, currently, I am thinking about coffee shops.

This, in turn, was sparked by an interesting list of 25 random thoughts I received from our daughter-in-law, Meredith, whom many of you know, love and miss. I think we both enjoy the irony of living in each other's countries, married to men in service to the body of Christ (the latter is not the irony).

The random-thoughts exercise is making the rounds on Facebook, an Internet social-networking site. The idea is that you write 25 random thoughts, tag folks you know, and encourage them to do the same thing. Most people write about their own lives and habits and I'm truly enjoying what pours forth. But Meredith was much more creative.

She wrote 25 random facts about Canada, a humorous and informative list of tidbits that tells me she is doing her homework much faster than I did.

As well as dropping the concept that Canada is affected by cold fronts from Texas and that the North Pole comes

under Canada's sovereign land-holdings, she noted some of the differences in terminology. The one that especially caught her fancy was brown (bread) toast. She wrote:

"Brown toast – the first time I heard Aaron order his toast brown, I thought he was either being racist or sarcastically telling the server he wanted his toast toasted. Turns out it's a common Canadian way to order wheat toast."

In the way that my mind drifts and flaps, like a plastic bag in a windstorm, I thought about other coffee shop experiences over the years, and how they

reflect on all of us as humans interacting.

25 random thoughts

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That took me to some early U.S.-residency experiences, which almost always seemed to occur in coffee shops. In the first case, I was ordering a sandwich in Chicago. The server asked what kind of bread and I responded, automatically, "Brown."

The gaze returned by my African-American server told me instantly that I had made some sort of gaffe.

"Wheat," she asked, shortly. "Uh, yeah," I said, not exactly sure what "wheat" meant, since all bread was pretty much wheat, unless you were ordering "rye."

On another occasion, His Collarship was enjoying, or perhaps spilling, coffee at a Tim Horton's in Ohio. He went to the counter and asked the server if she had a serviette. She looked at him, quizzically, and he caught himself, explaining, as I rarely do, that he meant napkin and that serviette was a Canadian word.

"Well, honey," she said, "You're in America now." And she handed him a napkinette. Of course, as a mother raised by my children who loved to mimic new sayings, I regularly chirped in a lousy Ohio accent when His Collarship was acting too Canadian even for me, "Honey, you're in America, now."

In the way that my mind drifts and flaps, like a plastic bag in a windstorm, I thought about other coffee shop experiences over the years, and how they reflect on all of us as humans interacting.

There was a favorite little Tim Horton's coffee shop in North Bay where His Collarship and I liked to rendezvous in the middle or at the end of a day filled with the busyness of two demanding careers and teenage children. We would order at the drive through, our tastes as opposite as our personalities, and park at the waterfront where we would talk, sip and watch the wonder of people at play and God's wonderful water-meets-earth displays.

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The experience was that much warmer one day when the coffee cups produced at the window had scrawled across the lids, rather than R and D (for regular and decaf), "His" and "Hers."

At that same coffee shop, His Collarship, who was dressed in day-off scrubs, parked his motorbike, which he owned at the time, and went in to get a coffee. A young 'suit' approached him and asked him if he could please move his bike as the premier (read governor) of the province was coming with his entourage and needed the parking spot. Well, the premier was from the city, knew us professionally and was Anglican to boot. We were pretty sure that the treatment would

have been different if His Collarship had been in professional attire and were equally certain that the premier would not appreciate how regular folks were being treated in his backyard. We made sure he found out.

As I come to think of it, that coffee shop served as a benchmark for thoughts and relationships in the 11 years that we lived in North Bay, for I immediately think of two more anecdotes that spill forth from that humble but busy place.

In one instance, His Collarship was joining someone for coffee when they saw an able-bodied man in a hurry park in the handicap spot next to the door and run to the entrance. As he did so, his car, which was still in gear

continued forward towards the brick wall. They tried to hail him, but he paid no heed and his car crashed into the wall. The two men exchanged glances and in that look agreed that some handicaps are self-inflicted.

At that same entrance, also with a companion, His Collarship found a \$20 bill tucked in between the pavement and the sidewalk. He picked it up, walked into the shop and popped it into the charity box at the counter. I think that story, more than anything, speaks to me of the integrity of the man who has been my companion for 36 years. Most of us would have been tempted to buy coffee for ourselves and our companion with it.

Trusting Jesus (continued from page 7)

At a recent clergy retreat our Bishop, John Bauerschmidt, said that part of our work as Christians today is to live in the midst of contradiction. Jesus did not make life more simple for the people of faith of His day. He troubled the waters. Jesus did not behave as they thought He should behave. He brought the people of faith in His day to a place of contradiction in which they had to radically put their trust in Him. It is the same with us.

May we wrestle with the contradictions that Jesus brings us during Lent. May we love the Lord with all our hearts and love our neighbors as ourselves. May we radically put our trust in Him.

2nd Annual Jambalaya & Jazz Fest Sunday, April 19

Time: 12:00pm - 3:00pm

Food: Cajun cuisine for lunch as well as kid friendly food

Activities: Bounce house and parade for the kids.



Music: Great jazz music throughout the day

Cost: \$6 per person age 10 and up, \$4 per child (\$24 maximum per family).

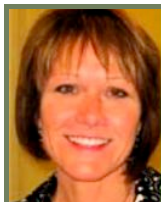


The Cloak of Invisibility

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*Children's Ministry
at St. Bartholomew's*



THE WONDER OF IT ALL

by Carla Schober

Director of Family & Children's Formation

As a young girl I was one of those children that slipped under the radar. I was average at best, chubby, bucktoothed and pimply. To say I was shy would be an understatement. I'd be the one standing off to the side from a giggling group of girls or the one who wouldn't look you in the eyes when talked to. It wasn't as if I wanted to be invisible, or that I wanted any special treatment. I wanted to know how to fit in, couldn't figure it out on my own, and it appeared no one cared. I felt like I was covered under a cloak of invisibility.

I can now look back at those years as a blessing in disguise. Sure I felt ugly and lonely, but who doesn't at times? When we feel emotional about something, right or wrong, we can learn from those experiences and how to reach out to others. Nowadays, if I see a child or adult off to themselves it doesn't conjure up bad memories of how I once felt, but rather I feel like the Lord reminds me that I should reach out to them as I wished others had reached out to me. Invisibility can be a good time to set foundations. But, what you do with those foundations is what is most important.

As someone who can understand the pluses of being invisible, it doesn't come as any surprise that I work in children's ministry. It's one of those invisible ministries that can have deep impact on someone for the rest of their life, and can affect an entire family from the bottom up. To those without children, it's often a ministry

that is ignored or misunderstood as simply being childcare. For parents, it's often a safe and active children's or youth ministry that help them choose which church to attend. But once that comfort is there, this ministry can easily turn invisible to the parent except when a volunteer is running late or some type of mishap presents itself. Invisible? If you're a parent, ask yourself, do you remember the last time you thanked your child's teacher

As one of many possible Lenten disciplines, here's one to consider. How about acting on ways to lift off the cloak of invisibility on ministries in the church that we don't normally think of?

as you dropped your child off? Do you know their names or what Bible story they taught that day? Do you realize that many of these men and women

don't even have children in the program but are serving you and your child out of their hearts for the Lord? To me these volunteers are part of our family, not outside babysitters. They are among the most kind, loving and gifted people I've ever met and they spend hours with your child each month.

As one of many possible Lenten disciplines, here's one to consider. How about acting on ways to lift off the cloak of invisibility on ministries in the church that we don't normally think of? Children's ministry is just one of many. Find out more about the people that not only serve our children but serve you each Sunday that rarely get thanked or acknowledged. Ask yourself questions about the invisible servants of the church. Who puts the flowers out each Sunday or cleans the linens? Who picks up the bulletins between services that are casually left in the pews? Who cleans up the coffee makers on a Sunday afternoon? These jobs are not done by paid staff, they're done by volunteers who serve invisibly for the Lord and you. And, if you have children in our St. B's children's Sunday school classes, get to know their teachers.

As a family member at St. B's, you have that right to be invisible and silently sit back, worship and observe each Sunday without anyone getting to know you. You may need a time of healing and rest. But, I encourage you not to be invisible out of fear or hurt as I once was. It kept me thinking of myself and wondering what others

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10 at 10

A New Opportunity for Family Formation During Lent

by Carla Schober

Director of Family & Children's Formation

At 10:10 am for approximately 10 minutes each Sunday we invite you to participate in several contemplative stations situated around St. B's. These stations are for additional worship, prayer, or as a place of offering. Each station is available for individual reflection, however, we encourage you to participate in them with friends or family members whenever possible. What a wonderful way to get to know each other better as you reflect on what the Lord is showing you.

A short explanation of each station is listed below. A more detailed description will be available at each site.

Prayer Wall:

Similar in concept to the Jerusalem Wailing Wall, this wall will be positioned in the narthex for individual or family use. Slips of paper and pens will be set out for individuals or families to write down their prayer requests each Sunday morning. Each request should then be carefully folded or rolled and slipped into the holes

provided along cracks in the wall. These requests will be kept confidential, will be removed each Monday and prayed over by pastoral staff and intercessors throughout the week.

what He has done for you or others during this season of Lent. At the end of Lent, these precious stones exclaiming God's provision and grace will be spread throughout our garden areas as a physical reminder of God's blessings to our St. B's family.

Stations of Repentance:

Located within the separate walled area in the gym will be contemplative stations dealing with the concept of Christ's forgiveness and love for us. This area will be set up with intent for quiet and peaceful contemplation.

Families are invited to participate; however, remind your children that we all must respect each other's quiet time.

Library – Prayer


Room: During Lent the Library will be available as a prayer and meditation room. For those new to the practice of Christian meditation, there will be samples of different techniques.

10 at 10:00 Sunday Lenten Stations

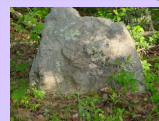
Each Sunday for 10 minutes from 10:00am-10:10am, you are invited to participate in a new Lenten practice involving contemplative stations. The purpose of these stations is to encourage individuals and families to reflect on worship and prayer as an offering to God during Lent. Although the reflections may be done individually, we encourage you to participate in them with friends and family members when possible.

Similar in concept to the Jerusalem Wailing Wall where individuals submit prayer requests and place them into the mortar cracks in the stones, the **St. B's Prayer Wall** serves as a place for members to submit prayers each Sunday individually or as a family. Slips of paper and pens will be set out to write down prayer requests each Sunday morning and in turn the prayers will be folded and slipped into the "cracks" in our wall by those requesting prayer. Requests will be kept confidential and removed each Monday and prayed over by the pastoral staff and intercessors during the week.

Prayer Wall



Praise Rock Monument



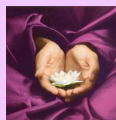
Surrounding the gated garden area at the front of the church is the Lenten Praise Rock Monument. This area serves as a monument for individuals and families to bring a stone with a written praise and thank you to the Lord for what He has done during this season of Lent. At the end of Lent, these precious stones exclaiming God's provision and grace will be spread throughout our garden areas as a physical reminder of God's blessings to our St. B's family.

Room #12: Prayer Room



During Lent Room #12 is available as a prayer and meditation room. For those new to the practice of Christian meditation, there will be samples of different techniques.

Lenten Offerings: Children's Formation



During Lent children will be reminded of the opportunity to give special offerings to our St. B's Mission and Outreach ministries. Located outside each of the children's Sunday school doors will be a container (for offerings) and a poster listing all the ministries supported by St. B's. We ask for parental support in the donation process. It will not be the responsibility of the Sunday school teacher to collect the offerings in class. Rather we ask that parents take the time with their child to drop the offering in the container as you sign them in. There will also be a JESU offering basket at the children's formation table if you choose to donate clothing items instead.

Stations of Repentance



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Water Blessings

During Lent the practice of blessing with holy water will be a focal point in the downstairs Sunday school area of the parish hall building. Against the walls will be fonts filled with sacramental holy water to be used to bless each other in Jesus' name. The intent is for parents to bless their children and for children to reciprocate as well as friends. A more thorough explanation and sample liturgical blessings will be available in written form at the children's formation greeters table.



Praise Rock Monument: Outside, near our new patio area, will be a sign that marks an area where individuals or families may bring a stone from home. On each stone should be written praises and thanks to the Lord for

Water Blessings: The practice of blessing with holy water will begin to be a focal point as families or individuals head for Sunday school. Positioned against the walls will be

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thought rather than getting past myself to look at what other's may want or need. Don't assume that if you're new to St. B's it will be hard to fit in. Step out and know there are many of us that do want to know you better. And, for those of you who have been at St. B's for many years but have disappeared from active engagement,

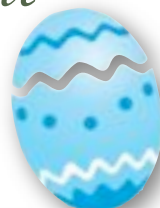
please step back into our St. B's family life; there is always room for you. A true family, a family centered around Christ's love, not only shares the table with each other, but shares in each others lives, in the good and the bad, in silence and in the blessing of serving one another.

I pray for us all that this Lenten season brings joy of new and rekindled relationships, continued opening up of ministry to and through us, and a deepening sense of God's purpose in our lives.



Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt Coming in April

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 11th from 9:30-10:30 for our annual St. B's Children's Easter Egg Hunt. Be on the lookout for additional information. However, if you are interested in helping this year, please contact Carla at carlaschob@gmail.com.



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fonts filled with sacramental holy water to be used to bless each other in Jesus' name. This is not just for parents to use to bless their children. Children too can participate and bless their parents. Friends can bless each other. A more thorough explanation and sample liturgical blessings will be available in written form at the children's formation greeters table.

Lenten Offerings (children's formation): For the Lenten season

children will be reminded of the opportunity to give special offerings to our St. B's Mission and Outreach ministries. Located outside each of the children's Sunday school doors will be a poster listing all the ministries that their offerings will help to support. Under the poster there will also be a container where those offerings are to be placed. We ask for parental support in the donation process. It will not be the responsibility of the Sunday school

teacher to collect the offerings in class. Rather, we ask that parents take the time with their child to drop the offering in the container as you sign them in. (If you prefer to offer a gift of socks or underwear for the Jesu ministry (RITI guests), another collection box will be situated at the children's formation greeter's table.)



A Family Example

Room in the Inn with the 5th & 6th Grade Boys & Girls Club

by Carla Schober
Director of Family & Children's Formation

In a world where families come in all shapes and sizes, it's often hard to describe what a healthy family should look like without coming across as judgmental. However, in the New Testament, the Lord does give us distinct pictures of how a healthy family of God should respond to each other that most certainly should be translated into our own homes and lifestyles.

One recent example of being God's family comes from the 5th & 6th Grade girls' and boys' clubs. Each year the girls & boys volunteer to serve our Room In the Inn (RITI) homeless guests one night. This involves a training session of how to show Christ's love to men & women they would normally not come across during their week. With the leaders' help the children role play different homeless scenarios, plan out a meal and discuss ways to pray for their guests. Parents are then emailed a list of the menu items and volunteer which items their child will bring.

In all the years I've worked with this age group, I have never seen such an incredible and quick response for donations. Within a day, all items on the list were spoken for and additional items were offered as special blessings to our guests for breakfast and take-away lunches. One of the leaders of the girls' group, Mindy Mumme, sent out an email the morning after the RITI date thanking everyone. Mindy's words of thanks not only give testimony to this exceptional group of children and parents, but

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also gives a wonderful example of how a healthy family should behave.

Mindy wrote, "What an incredible group of not only 5th and 6th graders we have, but parents as well. It was such a blessing to see how all of you went above and beyond to bring LOADS of food, and continue to serve throughout the entire evening. Not only did we serve our 12 hungry guests more than they could hold, but because of the way you reached out in love, their hearts and souls were fed by your dinner table conversation and the way you welcomed and reached out to them by listening and engaging them in conversation. I was blown away when I walked into the parish hall at one point during dinner and saw the kids scattered among our guests, enthusiastically sharing dinner and enthusiastically talking and laughing with our guests.

What a blessing to work with your kids, and you parents. What can I say? Your support and eagerness to encourage your kids in their involvement in their church family is just phenomenal. Thanks to each of you. I'm sure that those of you who stayed to help last night were as proud as we were to see your amazing kids practicing love in action. You all surely demonstrated Paul's admonition from I Timothy to "do good, be rich in good deeds, and be generous and willing to share".

Thank you children, parents and our club leaders, Katie Moessner and Gary and Mindy Mumme, for giving us all an example of a healthy, loving family with servants' hearts.



Maggie Ward Remembered

by Marjie Smith
(with excerpts from an article by Whit Smyth)

At her own funeral, there was a moment when the church's rector caught himself almost turning to ask Maggie Ward a question. Maggie, who died January 17, has always been right there as chairwoman of St. Bartholomew's altar guild or in her various other roles, official and unofficial, within the church. If she wasn't ordering wine and wafers or cleaning up the altar after service, she was helping a bride get her dress adjusted before she walked down the aisle or helping set up a reception after a St. B's event. You might find Maggie in the church nursery, where she loved to cradle the babies, or you might find her at a diocesan convention, as president of the diocesan Episcopal Church women.

Maggie has been there for so many people in her family, her church community at St. Bartholomew's and the broader diocesan and city communities that people are going to keep catching themselves half-turning to talk to her. As Jane Stranch, St. B's ECW president noted, Maggie was both a hard worker and great fun to be around.

"I imagine she had a hard time saying no to anyone because she loved to help people and she was good at doing just that. As a result, she found herself in leadership roles everywhere and she undertook those roles with joy, laughter and a willingness to do what it took to complete the job," said Jane.

Jane observed that Maggie was honest about her faith but always found a way to stay in relationship with (and continue to serve) those with whom she might have had disagreements.

"I believe it was that she truly valued the 'universal church' and figured we should all find a way together. I will miss her – her help, her kindness and just her joyous presence," she said.

Maggie, who grew up in Decatur, Alabama, in a Christ-oriented family, told Whit Smyth, who wrote a feature on Maggie and Bill for *The Branch*, that she cannot recall a time in her life when she didn't have faith. Maggie married Bill Ward in 1972. Both Maggie and Bill have been stalwart supporters of St. B's in every way during their time at St. B's.



Maggie has also been a valued worker with her field of accounting throughout her life. She served in many long-term managerial roles, including business manager for country music legend Mel Tillis; manager with Fireside Recording Studios and, until her retirement recently, chief financial officer for Gett Communication.

Maggie is survived by her husband Bill, sons, Smitty Carter of Olympia, WA and Craig Carter; father, Clifford Sims of Decatur, AL; brother, Wayne Sims of St. Augustine, FL; granddaughter, Nicole Carter of Olympia, WA; stepchildren, Bill Ward of Hopkins, MN, Claiborne Ward and Jim Ward;

Upcoming Event

MOM'S TOGETHER

Friday, April 3rd, 9:30-11
at the Rectory

As a Mom with young children there are many times where you'd like to simply get together with other mom's and their children for fun. Other times you may need a friendly voice to talk to, a shoulder to cry on or an experienced Mom's advice. Moms Together will be a group that will offer many options.

Please plan to join us for our first official gathering. At this point, please plan to bring your children. We are not sure if childcare will be available yet. However, if it's not we will simply rotate Moms downstairs to supervise and give each of you a chance to mingle upstairs. Please watch for additional information in the E-News and Sunday bulletins mid-March.

If you have questions or would like to help organize, please contact Carla Schober @ carlaschob@gmail.com.

step-grandchildren, Jennifer Ward, James Ward and Caitlyn Ward.

Memorials were made to the St. Bartholomew's Memorials Fund and Magdalene House.



Lenten Limits



LIVE GREEN
by Laura & Jud Laughter
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Lent has begun; a time set-aside in the liturgical calendar for us to pause for personal and communal reflection. As we discussed in our Advent column, the American tendency toward over-consumption makes this time of year a necessary one; it's not as if there's a huge host in our culture telling us we should take time to think about the things we consume. There's also no one teaching us how to reflect. What does it mean to reflect? Can too much reflection be a bad thing?

Allison Hardwick recently recommended *Serve God Save the Planet* in which author J. Matthew Sleeth proposes an interesting way to reflect on our consumption: before you buy anything, ask yourself "Will having this bring me closer to God?" That's a great question, but it fails to address the fact that we live in community with others. Perhaps a better question would be "How does this help me love my neighbor more?" Answering this question in specific contexts becomes an interesting game of reflection, but there is always the possibility of tending toward rationalization. Let's take a few examples and see where we go.

Clothing: Does consuming clothing help us love our neighbor more? Well, it does in the fact that clothing allows us to interact with others who



communicates a lot about us and may act as an invitation for someone to approach us. Dressing up a little for church or a special occasion may also be a way we celebrate. However, there may come a point where clothing becomes more about us and less about our neighbor. That line will be different for everyone, but we should each be aware of where that line is.

Food: Does consuming food help us love our neighbor more? Food does provide the energy we need to operate in society; it's also a common setting for fellowship. However, this does not mean that all food is beneficial. Personally, we eat out too often because of convenience. Eating out with other people is a good way to develop relationships, but spending money unnecessarily because of our own laziness is something we need to reconsider (maybe we'll give that up for Lent).

Transportation: Does consuming gasoline and automobiles help us love our neighbor more? A reliable car expands the range we are able to travel each day, allowing us to be in contact with more people. However, just like with clothing, there is a line for each of

might be freaked out by our walking around naked. Likewise, our clothing

us where transportation becomes more about us than about others.

This reflection/rationalization game can be played with almost anything. Toothpaste helps me love my neighbor by not repelling them. New socks help

Upcoming Green Events

The Diocese of Tennessee has formed a new environmental ministry "Living in Creation".

Below are some upcoming events.

February 27-28 at Christ Church Cathedral:

Dr. Luke Timothy Johnson presents "Creation and Care of the Earth: A Scriptural Approach to Environmental Concerns." Cost is \$25 (\$15 for students) and includes dinner Friday night.

March 28, 8:30 PM Central Time: Earth Hour.

The World Wildlife Fund asks individuals, businesses, governments, and organizations around the world to turn off the lights for one hour to make a global statement of concern about climate change.

me love my neighbor by making me more likely to visit because my feet are more comfortable. New furniture makes my home a welcoming place in to which I am glad to invite others.

However, there is a point at which reflection becomes rationalization for each of these. A new home may allow me to offer shelter to those who need it, but am I really going to use a new home for that purpose? Going out with

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Get Ready For Spring: Be a Part of the St. B's Gardening Group

The Gardening Group will officially kick off their ministry this spring. If you like the great outdoors, getting your hands dirty, fun and fellowship, and seeing immediate results from your labor, the Gardening Group is for you. We will meet the second Saturday of each month, 8:00am - 12:00pm, beginning in March to help prune, weed, and plant flowers in the front and side gardens of the sanctuary. Come when you can and stay as long as you like.

The dates and activities for gardening for the next four months are as follows:

Saturday, March 14, 8:00am-12:00pm (weeding and pruning – clean up the gardens for spring planting)

Saturday, April 11, 8:00am-12:00pm (time to plant flowers bring your gardening tools and some spring annuals to plant)

Saturday, May 12, 8:00am-12:00pm (weeding and planting, also mulching)

Saturday, June 13, 8:00am-12:00pm (TBD)



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friends is a good way to build community, but am I using it as an excuse to drink too much? A vacation may help me recharge physically and make me more pleasant to be around, but is the amount of time and money I spend in concert with the benefits?

Lent is a call to reflection, but we must be wary that our reflection does not slip into rationalization, lest we develop a system that allows everything.

In response to our Advent column about our Nothing New Christmas, we received a wonderful email from a

parish family who encapsulated in just a few sentences what we were trying to communicate then, which becomes prescient advice on how to reflect on our consumption during Lent:

“This year I just really wanted to up the ante. I wanted to be more thoughtful about what and how I gave, to focus less on consuming. It's not always as easy to pull off though. I agree with you in that the challenge lies with family and friends who don't want to adopt the same philosophy. I do think that this is one of the benefits of the economic situation. It

is really making us think about these issues, but hopefully bringing us back to the spiritual meaning in the end.”

If you want more specific instruction on how to reflect on consumption, check out the Wallet Buddy from New American Dream: www.newdream.org/walletbuddy.pdf. It's a simple sleeve for your credit or debit card that will make you think before you buy anything. Perhaps this Lent we could all get into the habit of reflecting on what we consume.



Perfect Timing: ECW Spring Retreat

March 20 -21 at St. Mary's

by Sue Pichert

The season of Lent is a time in the year when we intentionally create some additional space in our lives to encounter God. Whether we give up something or add something during Lent, the purpose is to draw us closer to the heart of God. In keeping with this season, the ECW spring retreat provides an opportunity for women to get away from day-to-day demands on their time and energy so that space is opened up to hear and encounter God. Whether it's through the praise and worship times, times of fellowship with other women, hiking and enjoying nature, or personal reflection time, space is provided to draw closer to the heart of God. The theme of this year's retreat is "Living as Daughters of the King", an invitation to consider what it means to live the vibrant adventure God created us to live in relationship with Him. In addition to reflections from our speaker, Debbie Smith, we will hear testimonies from three St. B's women about their personal journeys of drawing nearer to God.

I've been to other women's retreats where there were goofy mixers and personal sharing times that made me uncomfortable. Will I have to do those at this retreat? No! Although there will be opportunities for small group discussion and sharing at the retreat, no one will be called on or asked to share. It's up to each person to decide if and to what extent they want to share or participate in small group discussion. Growing in relationship with one another is an important aspect of our life together as a community, and the women's retreat provides a golden



opportunity to do that, but we trust the Spirit to guide that process. The retreat provides opportunity and space and we invite each woman to come with a heart open to receive all that God wants to give.

The timing and topic of this retreat seems perfect and we are really looking forward to not just hearing Debbie speak, but also getting to know one another better and taking time out to allow God to speak to us. If you need financial assistance please get in touch with Sue Pichert at stbsecw@yahoo.com or 356-0464.

For more information on St. Mary's Retreat Center go to www.stmaryssewanee.org.

For all the details, prices, directions and a full schedule of events at the



Above Left: We'll again welcome Debbie Smith as our speaker.

Above: This past fall's retreat.
Photos by Katherine Bomboy.

retreat please go to the St. B's website: www.stbs.net. From the left hand menu under Ministries, click on "Women" and follow the link to our flyer, send an email to stbsecw@yahoo.com, pick up a brochure on Sunday morning or call Sue Pichert at 356-0464.



Everyday Heroes

by Carmen Hall

Picture a nine year old boy in the room with your state of the art work laptop. Do you let his grimy fingers on it? What's more, do you encourage him to complete an important job—one whose deadline looms in the next hours? Sounds like the way of the fool, but, in fact, it's the way of the pilgrim.

The day was Sunday, February 8. My son's fourth grade Sunday School teacher was preparing for the annual meeting as she is also St. B's Director of Communications. Imagine my amazement when I watched this saint, Erin Somerville, let my son Manaen "take over her computer." She put relationship above task, slowing down her goal, letting him edit the missionary videos for the evening's presentation. Manaen (pronounced to rhyme with cannon) spent the entire afternoon with Erin and her husband. When Manaen needed a break, she would gladly throw the football with him! Erin was not concerned with self-promotion. At the end of the presentation, the words were large on the screen: "Edited by Manaen Hall."

And that is why we are at St B's—because we are pilgrims, welcoming Jesus. One of the February Daily Office readings included Mark 9:36, 37: Jesus took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

During lent, we intentionally practice welcoming Jesus. When we welcome the least of these—the difficult child—we are loving supernaturally, connecting with Jesus. One of the pre-school Sunday School teachers told me

of a recent experience in church. The younger children were joining the service around communion. An older child turned to look (and perhaps frown) upon one child making noise upon entrance. The older child's eyes met those of the Sunday School teacher—those eyes were beaming, matching his smile to welcome the energetic child.

Welcoming children in Jesus' name is serious kingdom work. I have fallen in love with St. B's Sunday School teachers because of their commitment to love the children and give them a positive

emotional experience. This is not just about "warm fuzzies." It's a keen understanding that following Jesus involves being able to embrace Him from the heart, not simply recite information. For some of the teachers, they have learned these facts in ways that are painful. Their own grown children had negative childhood experiences in the church. Perhaps these children were "weird" or challenging and they were not embraced. When His followers reject you, how do you move toward Jesus?

You know the passage that describes the church as a body, each part incomplete with the rest. While we are bearers of the gospel to our own family, we need the other members to grow us up in Christ—and that includes our children. Several weeks ago, I attended

a seminar by Dave Thomas of Daystar Ministries. He emphasized the increasing importance of non-family mentors in our children's lives as they grow up. This is a concept that can make us uncomfortable—we are not sufficient to provide all that we or our children need. That means that I am not in control, doesn't it? This is really

a picture of our spiritual condition. Our need for others in the church reminds us that we are but actors and God is the director. We can't make everything we want happen and we need to return to the dependence we once had—when we welcomed him in "the garden" and did not hide.

This lent we can practice welcoming Him by welcoming

children. Even warmly and consistently greeting a child is a means of grace. One night Manaen asked me, "Tell me again. Who's that lady who always sits behind us in church?" That lady, by the way, always has a huge smile for my three kids no matter what they do!

"That's Kathy, Father Randy's wife. She loves you guys."

Manaen's reply? "I can tell."

Welcoming children is welcoming Jesus.

(Special thanks and acknowledgement to Manaen's fourth grade teachers Jon Zadick, Matt and Corrine Wilder, Pam White, and Erin Somerville. You have been our John the Baptist this year, making the way for the gospel.)



Manaen Hall



Beyond the Numbers: Breaking the 80/20 Rule

by Pam White, Director of Operations

Whether relating to business, a non-profit foundation or the church, scholars will speak of the importance of the Pareto Principle - the 80 / 20 rule - where it is proven time and time again that 80% of the results (sales in a business, volunteer needs in a non-profit, or giving in a church) come from 20% of the people.

St. B's has historically lived up to the 80/20 Rule in terms of giving and volunteer involvement. However, in 2009 as we look at our demographics and the current state of the economy, we find ourselves with a unique opportunity and challenge to break from the norm.

Our current membership is made up of approximately 900 members - 37% age 1-19, 20% age 20-40, 25% age 41-59 and 11% over 60. With the recent explosion of younger couples and families with young children attending St. B's, we have found that those individuals and families who have traditionally given more (age 40+ making up 20% of the membership but giving 80% of the budget dollars) have decreased, thus now requiring the other 80% to get involved - to be a "Bigger part of the Story" in order for us to achieve our budget and provide the ministries and outreach activities God has called us to.

The St. B's budget each year is built on faith and not on a pledge campaign. A faith budget provides the perfect opportunity for the vestry and staff to put into practice trusting God. This year's budget of \$1,401,186 may seem overwhelming. However, from a practical standpoint, it is achievable. Out of the 900 members, (children and adults), if we take 19 years and

The unique opportunity we have as a church family with respect to our demographics and commitment to The Lord and each other, is to break from the 80 / 20 rule and respond as God would have us respond to our need as a church family - with each member using their gifts, time, treasurers and talents to edify the body of Christ.

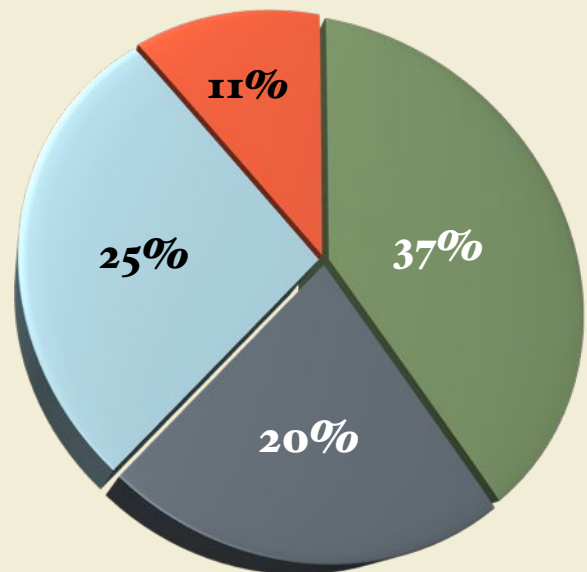
under out of the membership base (333 children and teens), that leaves 567 adults (ages 20 and over). In order to meet our budget, each of those 567 adults would need to give \$206 per month, or \$2,471 annually. The unique opportunity we have as a church family with respect to our demographics and commitment to The Lord and each other, is to break from the 80 / 20 rule and respond as God would have us

respond to our need as a church family - with each member using their gifts, time, treasurers and talents to edify the body of Christ. If each member of St. B's contributes something, in terms of their time, talents and treasures (whatever God leads them to in regards to a weekly or monthly tithe) it will enable us to reach further and do more for the Kingdom of God than we could ever imagine. This is in line with Fr. Jerry's analogy of the millipede that he spoke about during the annual meeting.

As we enter into the season of Lent, please be in prayer on how you and each member of your family can "Be a part of the Story" in 2009 and beyond. Thanks to each and every member of St. B's for all you have done and are doing within and outside our community to spread the Gospel and make His love known.

Current Membership

- AGE 1 - 19
- AGE 20 - 40
- AGE 41 - 59
- AGE 60 & OVER



From Glory to Glory

The title "From Glory to Glory" comes from Paul's revelation into God's eternal destiny for each of his children. "And we...are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory."



JANUARY

Anniversaries

Eldon & Julie Honeycutt	03/03
David & Kathy Edwards	03/05
Jerry & Jan Minshall	03/16
Malcolm & Pam White	03/23
Nathaniel & Abigail Tylor	03/24
Jim Russell & Nancy Hyer	03/25
Matt & Bethany Smith	03/26

Birthdays

Marc Byrd	03/01
Lisa Craig	03/01
Makisha McCord	03/01
Robert Smith	03/01
Eric Wyse	03/01
Graham Ferguson	03/03
Catie Granbery,	03/03
Jordan House	03/03
Kristi Hunter	03/03
Jordan Insani	03/03
Jordan Johnson,	03/03
Jordan Mortimer	03/03
Carter Luke	03/04
Jason Huff	03/05
Joshua Batarseh	03/06
Glenn Guidry	03/06
Yvonne Poindexter	03/06
Ethan Powell	03/06
Peterson Rainey	03/06
Jim Robinson	03/06
Nita Andrews	03/07
Nick Barnes	03/07
Pat Bowlby	03/07
Jason Ingalls	03/07
Michelle Alcott	03/09
Ava Buxton	03/09

Martha Freeman	03/09
Rachel Freeman	03/10
Trevor Holt	03/10
Carla Schober	03/10
Anna Wyse	03/10
Claire Combs	03/11
Rebecca Kern	03/11
Kristin Chapman	03/12
Matthew Miller	03/13
Owen Myatt	03/13
Alexandra Thornton	03/14
Peter Woods	03/14
Michael Evans	03/15
Quinn Kinser	03/15
Caitlin Quinn	03/15
Zayne Spencer	03/15
Emily Huff	03/16
Karen Daniel	03/20
Laura Wilhoite	03/20
Joe Dinwiddie	03/21
Naomi Daniel	03/22
Manaen Hall	03/22
Chuck Kown	03/22
Paige Lundgren	03/22
Tamara Rowland	03/22
Michael Castellon	03/23
Asher Wood	03/23
Andrew Bauchiero	03/24
Barbara Bowman	03/24
Madelyn Grace Schroeder	03/24
Parker Flynn	03/25
Miles Headley	03/25
Joan Hutchinson	03/25
Suzanne Zadick	03/25
Sarah Krogman	03/26
Sean Smith	03/26
Rachel Sefton	03/27

Susan Tyler	03/27
Bethany Bakker	03/28
Corrinna Bauchiero	03/28
Aidan Kinser	03/29
Paul Miller	03/29
Leah Daniel	03/30
Grace Stranch	03/30
Elizabeth Weber	03/30
Hunter Wilhoite	03/30

Baptisms

January 25, 2009

Mary Winston Edwards
Parents, Winston and Allyson Edwards

February 1, 2009

Gabriella Rose Goss
Parents, Erick and Lisa Goss

Births

Richard Dylan Combs born on 1/8/09
to Danny and Claire Combs

Mitchell David Flynn born on 1/27/09
to Meredith and Joe Flynn

Audrey Elise Louise Wirdzek born on
2/16/09 to Amy and Adam Wirdzek



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Mark Your Calendars for Sunday, March 29:

Bishop Bauerschmidt will be joining us for both services. There will be a service of confirmation at the 10:30 service that morning.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

6:00 p.m. Service of Lament

Wednesday: 7:30 a.m. & 12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Institution of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday: 12:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy

5:30 p.m. Stations of the cross

Holy Saturday: 7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday: 6 a.m. Sunrise Eucharist

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Celebrations of the Resurrection

