

THE BRANCH

TELLING THE STORIES OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
LENT & EASTER 2013



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



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Lenten Quietude

Sun., Feb. 17
6:30 p.m.

Please join us for this
creative and contemplative
worship experience in the
style of Taizé.

Childcare for 4 years and under available with
an RSVP to churchoffice@stbs.net by Wed. Feb. 13



Practices for Life

Doing something with Lent

It is not lost on me that, in the northern hemisphere, Lent falls during the spring season. It can truly be a 'springtime of the soul,' if engaged intentionally.

We often look at it as burdensome, but our Christian ancestors understood this season as a time when they would replace the practices of this earthly life with the practices that enhanced Life (Jesus said that he came to give us Life in all of its abundance; see John 10:10).

As the snow (well, not even frozen ground down here) gives way to the evidences of new life sprouting from (almost) cold earth, so practicing Lent can give way to signs of new Life in our lives.

One of the hardest teachings of Jesus included the instructions that we need to be dying to self if we are

serious about being His followers. Death to self is terribly difficult, but the resulting taste of the new life He offers makes it well worth it.

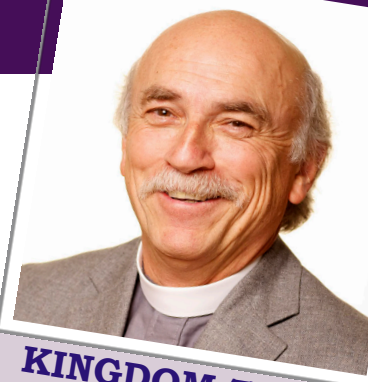
It is during this season that I have come to understand how 'addicted' I am to ways of thinking and other stimuli that can so easily prevent me from experiencing the Kingdom of God that is so near yet equally elusive to those not practiced in the disciplines of engaging it.

So dying to self this season may mean more than giving up your favorite TV program to pray, or getting up earlier each day (sacrificing your beauty sleep) to do the morning office. It may include learning to love or to forgive someone from whom you feel entitled to distance yourself, or maybe some other similar discipline that will emulate the character of Christ.

We acknowledge that this transformation into the image and likeness of Christ is God's goal for us. This Lenten season, you are invited to engage more actively with God to help make this goal a reality.

During the few Sundays there are in Lent, my wife Marjie and I will be teaching an adult formation class on practices that will bring Life. Maybe they would better be called "Practices for Life" because like the important hygiene habits we were probably taught as children, habits that were never intended for only a season, but for a life of healthy living, so these practices are meant to assist us to engage more actively in our walk with Jesus.

No spiritual discipline comes with a guarantee, but working a program intended to provide an opportunity to become more intimate with



KINGDOM TALK
by Fr. Jerry Smith
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God, would bear many more potential results than not doing anything!

Lent is about doing something.

I invite you to join me on this journey.

Lent:

a springtime of the soul

ST. B'S Day of Reconciliation

Wednesday, March 20
10 a.m. - noon
4 - 6 p.m.
in the sanctuary

Bring Your Confession. Be Heard & Be Forgiven

Appointments can be arranged with the clergy for other times.
Preparation sheets will be available on the day. More info can be found at www.stbs.net



A Time for Lent & for Families

Opportunities to mark this season

Once again you are invited to participate in Lent through various reflective stations that will be set up in the narthex (entryway to the sanctuary) and downstairs in the parish hall. The stations are intentionally interactive and contemplative.

A Lenten journey of the heart is central to who we are - it's an opportunity to turn our heart toward God, our heart toward others, and our heart toward ourselves mentally, physically and spiritually. Because of this, we will be working with Heather, our parish nurse, on holistic health and heart well-being. Take the journey with us this Lent.

THE WONDER OF IT ALL

by Carla Schober

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PRAYER WALL

in the narthex

Similar in concept to the Western Wall in Jerusalem, slips of paper and pens will be provided for individuals or families to write down their prayer requests each Sunday morning. Papers can then be slipped into the holes provided along cracks in the wall. Pastoral staff will pray for the requests during the week.



WATER BLESSINGS

downstairs in the parish hall

During Lent the practice of using holy water to bless each other will be a focal point downstairs. We invite you dip your finger into the fonts filled with holy water (water that has been blessed by a priest) and make the sign of the cross on another's forehead, blessing each other in Jesus' name.



LENTEN OFFERINGS

downstairs in the parish hall

During Lent children and their families are invited to give special offerings to St. B's Mission and Outreach. Collection jars will be on tables inviting families to offer gifts together this Lent. A basket for JESU ministry will be located at the children's formation table if you wish to donate clothing items instead.



Heart Health this Lent

Seasonal thoughts from the Parish Nurse

I was taking a hike the other day on Edwin Warner Park's Blue trail with my German Shepherd dog Sunny. It was a beautiful morning, the sun was filtering through the trees and the mist was starting to burn off. Ahhhhhhhh.

There really is something true about how we are created holistically. Science is backing up what our mothers and grandmothers have been saying for generations. If you are feeling a bit down or blue, tired or restless, go for a walk and get some fresh air. Sounds so simple yet so many of us don't do it. Why?

I asked myself that question and I came up with some answers of my own. I thought I'd share them with you all and see if any of them resonated with anyone else.

Time was the first thing that came to mind. Who has the time? If I exercise, I'll get all sweaty and hot and I'll need to shower. I've got so much to do that I simply don't have the TIME.

It seems like a luxury. I mean, really. It's selfish to take time away and enjoy a lovely hike in the woods. Things are pressing, I've got deadlines, kids to parent, groceries to buy, millions of errands. Surely there is a better, more efficient way to use my time.

I am sure there are other things that run through our minds. Exercise is boring. Exercise hurts. I never see results from exercise or I am no good at it and I'm uncoordinated. I don't have the right clothes, shoes or technique. Exercise is expensive. The weather is too hot, too cold too wet or too dry. And on and on it goes.



I have had seasons where exercising was very difficult to do and seasons where I've been in great physical condition. I can honestly say that I have felt best when I've made provisions in my every day life to simply move. I've had to peel off a lot of layers of self-defeating thinking. A doctor of mine told me recently that we were made to simply move. Build it in to your every day life. Who cares if the movement did not seem "good" enough, "intense" enough? Start counting everything you do. Stairs count, parking further from the door of store counts. Lifting groceries counts. Chasing kids/dogs/spouses count. Being silly and laughing hard counts. Yes, sustained vigorous exercise has its place but I've had to stop beating myself up for not getting the recommended 20-30 minutes three times a week benchmark. I've also come to terms that there are days that exercise is simply more important than my appearance (and order) for the rest of the day! I have discovered some very clever products on the market to make myself presentable!

We are blessed here in Nashville with Edwin Warner Park, Percy Warner Park, Radnor Lake, Centennial Park and the Greenway. We are blessed with four seasons to enjoy. After living in Vancouver where it rained for weeks on end, I discovered that Gortex really is a good investment. I also found out that I did not melt if I exercised in the rain. In fact, it felt empowering to face the elements and then enjoy a warm beverage.

Nashville also has a vibrant YMCA where nobody is turned away based on their ability to pay. There are many inexpensive centers in Nashville that are well equipped with various weights and machines.

For the entire season of Lent, St. B's will be taking a journey together toward Heart Health. I encourage you to visit the bulletin board located in the stairwell going down to the Children's Ministry area. Each week there will be a new topic on various components of our physical and spiritual hearts' health.

Let's encourage each other on our journey toward heart health!

How's Your Heart?
Blood Pressure Screening
Sunday, March 17
9:45 - 10:30 a.m.
Parish Nurse Office



a community called atonement

an exploration of what happened on the cross and why it matters to us today
a lenten sermon series with fr. jerry & fr. dixon
sundays at both services february 17 - march 24

for everything there is a season

Adult Class Offerings for Lent

Sundays Feb. 17 - Mar. 17 , 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

PRACTICES FOR LIFE *With Fr. Jerry & Marjie Smith* *In the sanctuary*

Join Marjie and Jerry Smith this Lent for a course exploring the theological roots and practical applications of five historic Christian disciplines (prayer, worship, proclamation, justice and peace). But make no mistake! This will not be a class for wallflowers as each week participants will be asked to practice each discipline over the next six days.

LIFEBUILDERS *Every Sunday in Wallace Hall*

This popular, multi-generational Bible study continues at its new time. Lifebuilders' conversation, community and study is facilitated by Don Paul Gross, David West, & Brian Hampton. The class is currently reading the Gospel of Matthew, verse by verse through the lens: "what was important to Jesus."

OLD STORIES THROUGH ANCIENT EYES *An Old Testament study with Adria Lambert in the gym*

Drawing on her extensive knowledge of the history, settings, and cultures of the Bible, Adria Lambert will lead a five-week study on how major Old Testament themes looked to those with "ancient eyes." Surveying the concepts of Patriarchs, Covenant, Table, Land and Temple, this class will bring fresh insights to familiar subjects by locating them in their original settings and then bridging the gaps between then and now. *Adria has an M.A. in Biblical History & Geography from Jerusalem University College.*



Old Stories Through Ancient Eyes

A closer look at our Lenten Old Testament Bible study



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At the foundation of any worldview there lies a story. A story that, for those who adhere to its message, provides answers to very basic questions of identity: Who am I? Where am I? What's the problem? What's the solution? For around 2,000 years, the message of the Bible has served as the foundational story of Christians everywhere. Yet today, on the other side of the world and almost 4,000 years removed from many of those stories, we often struggle to see how these ancient tales connect to us, to Christ and to the world. It is very difficult to understand and hold to an ancient faith when you are living in 21st century America.

Our tendency, whether we are aware of it or not, is to look back at these stories from our place in world history, causing us to read into them our personal experiences, western sensibilities and our understanding of how the world works. Trouble often comes to us when we read something in (especially) the Old Testament that offends the way we perceive that the world ought to be. When this is our approach to these very old stories—stories that are a part of our foundational narrative, stories that tell us who we are and the nature of who God is—we can end up judging the stories themselves, the people who lived them

and (dare we say it out loud), even God himself.

But what if we could understand the stories through the eyes of those who lived them? What if we could get behind those ancient eyes and read the stories anew? What if we discovered how much of our story is bound to and informed by these ancient things? Our goal in this class is to bridge the gaps in time, space and culture that stand between us and God's story. To walk through them, as best as we can, with the eyes of the those who lived them and to see if we discover something new. Something that heals. Something that inspires. Perhaps something that even resurrects us a little.

Join us as we look with fresh eyes at: The Patriarch, The Covenant, The Table, The Land and The Temple, Sundays, Feb. 17 - Mar. 17, 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. in the gym.



A Preview of One of
our Easter classes
Offered by Morgan Wills
Sundays, April 7 - 28
9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

The Other Six Days: How and why your work matters to God

Is the Christian Sabbath really just an inspirational break to maximize our weekday productivity? Is the concept of "calling" limited to ordained ministers or missionaries? If not, what would a practical theology of work look like? In this four-week class we will explore these questions in light of the grand narrative of Scripture. We will consider the goodness, the fallenness, and the redemptive possibilities of work. Along the way, we will pause to learn from the stories of individual workers in our own congregation, encouraging one another to be faithful partners with God in the work of the new Creation wherever we are.



Real Food this Lent

Do something more than fast, eat real food



So, fast forward to today and it makes perfect sense that I went to culinary school to become a chef to learn about real nutrient-dense foods and how whole foods can help build up your body and mind.

What is real food?

Real food = whole food= one ingredient, itself! Or just food that is as close to the form that God designed it...not processed and fractionated, in other words.

How God's Grace and His Food Heals!

It was this glorious time of year about ten years ago that I received a serious wake-up call regarding my health. Several years leading up to this time I had many little warning signs (red flags) and treated them with a plethora of over-the-counter medications. Life had been very stressful with career stuff and a big move and I certainly wasn't in a place with my faith where I even thought about checking in with God about why I was having so much trouble.

After getting the bad news, I asked my doctor to give me several months to make some serious changes and then we would test again. I knew that my

first line of defense for healing my body under these circumstances was what I was eating and drinking and most importantly, answering God's call to turn to Him and increase my faith. He would let me know the truth about food and guide my steps accordingly. I went on a real food fast for three months, went back to the doctor, was retested and received a clean bill of health and have ever since. Praise the Lord!

That serious wake-up call has led me to my life's calling as a real food chef, educator and speaker: to teach people how to stop eating out of boxes and how eat real food! Food choices get really simple when you're looking through the lens of "what is God's food?" God made us and He put the food on earth to nourish us and build us up...it's that simple, really. For instance, coconut oil is God's food but it was given a bad rap for many decades but is now making a comeback because it's one of the healthiest fats one can consume. This nutrient-dense oil contains lauric acid which helps to boost your immune system and it also has antiviral and antifungal properties. Coconut oil is a medium-chain-fatty acid, which means

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St. B's Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30 at 10 a.m.
for toddlers to 1st grade

To participate please drop-off 12 or more treat-filled eggs (no chocolate) to the church **by Sunday, March 24**. Bring a picnic lunch and join us on the grounds, following the hunt. For more information or to help with the hunt, please email Carla at cschober@stbs.net.

that about half of it is immediately used for fuel/energy and not stored. Studies are also showing that it is helping many with memory issues. Who doesn't have that living in the world today?

So, during this very thoughtful time of Lent and drawing closer to Jesus while you might be abstaining from certain foods and behaviors, I want to give you some real food ideas to turn toward to nourish you on your Lenten journey.

Learn more and find recipes at www.chefshaneKelly.com. And remember, just keep it real, honey!



During this very thoughtful time of Lent and drawing closer to Jesus and repenting from certain behaviors Here are five simple things to nourish you on your Lenten journey

1. Make sure you eat some sort of protein with breakfast every morning.
2. Consume 1-2 teaspoons of cold-pressed coconut oil every day.
3. Eat a small handful of nuts for a snack every day.
4. Eat something dark green every day.
5. Make one new "real food" recipe every week, branch out, it's fun!

How to use coconut oil:

- Fry your eggs with it
- Sauté your veggies with it
- Bake with it but use 1/3 less of the CCO instead of the fat the recipe calls for
- Rub it on your body and in your hair before you wash it
- Eat it straight off of the spoon
- Drink a teaspoon in a cup of tea
- Make my "Coconutty Chocolatey Date Balls" Recipe



Coconutty, Chocolatey Date Balls

Yield: 22-25

Ingredients:

1 cup whole toasted almonds
12 large dates, pitted
1 cup toasted shredded coconut (unsweetened*). Use half in the

recipe and half to coat the balls
1/3 cup cocoa powder
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1½ tablespoon raw honey
2 tablespoons coconut oil, melted
½ teaspoon sea salt

Instructions:

- Heat oven to 350°F. On a baking pan spread the unsweetened coconut evenly and bake on the middle rack for about 10-12 minutes until toasty brown. Stir it

around on the pan every 2-3 minutes...watch closely. Set off to the side and let cool.

- In a food processor using the "S" blade add toasted almonds, pitted dates, ½ cup toasted coconut, cocoa powder, vanilla extract, honey, melted coconut oil and sea salt. And, a dash of bourbon for fun for the grown-ups, if you like! Pulse until all the ingredients are mixed together well and start to form a ball.
- Using a tablespoon scoop or regular spoon, scoop out dough and roll into a ball and then roll each ball in the other ½ cup of the toasted coconut until each ball is coated well. Place on a pan/plate and refrigerate.

*Unfortunately unsweetened shredded coconut isn't sold in regular grocers so you will need to go to a health food store where you can buy it in bulk or packaged. Or you can order it online at many sites.

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sing on



*parish choir
resumes in lent*

Rehearsals begin
Wednesday, Feb. 20 from
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
childcare can be provided

Retreat: Saturday, Feb. 23
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

For more information
please contact Teresa
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THE WOMEN OF ST. B'S HOST
A Lenten Quiet Day
FOR THE WOMEN OF THE DIOCESE

LED BY BISHOP JOHN
BAUERSCHMIDT

SATURDAY, FEB. 16
9 A.M. - 2 P.M.
AT ST. B'S

PLEASE BRING A SACK LUNCH,
A BIBLE AND A JOURNAL. A LIGHT
BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED.



Totalization Brings Changes

A Season of Discernment and Reconnection for the Powells

By Susan Powell



THE POWELLS

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It's hard to believe that it has been almost five years since we packed and shipped our 20 foot container and boarded a plane with fifteen suitcases headed to Germany! We still marvel at the miraculous ways in which God worked through His people to get us here. We've been privileged to have a "front row seat" to see the wondrous hand of God. We've seen Him provide for our needs through you, our faithful supporters, in your regular commitments and also in some unexpected and humbling ways. We've watched hearts soften in these kids we minister to. We've heard the heartfelt thanks of missionary parents who without BFA could not stay in their fields of ministry and we have been forever changed by our calling here. God has shaped and refined us in beautiful, yet sometimes painful ways. We wouldn't trade the last five years of our journey for anything.

Now it seems that God is writing a new chapter in the story of our journey. Five years has a certain significance to the U.S. and German governments as well. There exists an agreement between the two countries (as a matter of fact, many countries have such agreements) that protects the government-funded pension programs in each. It's called totalization. The agreement requires that after five years, expatriates must leave their country of residence for a period of time or begin paying into

that country's social pension fund. For us, this would be a costly and unnecessary expense. We don't really have any plans to retire in Germany. We are required to leave Germany for one year plus one day. So in late June we will be returning to the U.S. for a one year Stateside assignment. If we return to Germany after one year, the five year term of service can begin again.

It would be easy to look at this situation as a frustrating one. Our ministry is thriving and we love what we are doing and our two boys are in good places and really enjoy life here (in fact, we are letting Evan finish his senior year at BFA next year). But, we really see this time as a blessing! We get to be near our families again for a season. We get to worship at St B's again and reconnect with our church family! We've missed you all! Most importantly, through this totalization requirement, we are afforded a season of discerning what God has next for us. We so valued the discernment process we went through prior to leaving for Germany. On the days when it has been hard and when we've felt alone, and maybe even questioned what we were doing, we have taken great comfort in the fact that we did not make the decision to come here alone. We plan to once again invite a small group of people to come alongside and help us discern



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WOMEN OF ST. B'S

ANNUAL SPRING RETREAT
FRIDAY, APRIL 5 - SATURDAY, APRIL 6
GARNER CREEK RETREAT CENTER
DICKSON, TN

“WHAT OUR HEARTS LONG FOR”

Led by Gail Worsham Pitt

Email stbswomen@stbs.net
for more information. Download a
registration at www.stbs.net

Gail Worsham Pitt has been a spiritual director since 2003 and a therapist in private practice over the last 20 years. Gail works with individuals, small groups, and church staffs in spiritual direction, spiritual direction groups and directed silent retreats. She lives in Nashville, TN and is the mother of four adult children, one daughter-in-law, and has two grandsons. Gail is also a member of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church.



Into the Homestretch

Checking in with Margaret Peel, one of our seminarians

by Shannon Truss

I recently had the pleasure of talking with one of our St. B's seminarian, Margaret Peel. Margaret attends Virginia Theological Seminary and is in the final months of her journey to a Masters in Divinity. Here's what we talked about:



MARGARET ENJOYING COFFEE AT HER FAVORITE CAFE

Give me a bit of background. Was seminary always in the back of your mind? Was this a path you were surprised to see appear in front of you?

Yes and no. I was an English major at the University of the South in Sewanee and while there, reaffirmed my baptismal vows as a part of renewing my faith journey. When I graduated, I took a job as a youth minister in Austin, TX. I had no training in it at the time, but I look back and can see a few sign posts along the way.

In high school, I was asked to give the sermon on Youth Sunday and heard from more than one congregant, "You

did a great job up there – better than some priests I've heard!" I remember smiling and thinking something along the lines of, "That's funny, why would I do that?" But that memory has stayed with me all of these years, so I suppose it was an early whisper from God about what the future might hold for me. After 20 months in youth ministry, I decided to see whether ministry was really what I was called to do. So I moved home to Nashville and started attending St. B's where I volunteered with the youth ministry and examined my calling closely.

There are lots of questions I could ask since I'm someone who has never attended seminary, but what I want to know is this: What have you learned about God during your time there?

It might seem obvious, but I've learned that God is so much bigger that I could ever imagine. There are people of such varied backgrounds here. Some students don't even speak English upon arrival. So to say that we see

and approach God in different ways is an understatement. Learning and worshipping alongside people with different views has affirmed my faith and helped me see God in places I might not otherwise have looked.

And what have you learned about yourself while there? It seems I can't learn something about God without seeing and understanding myself in a new way.

I've learned to take time and listen for God's leading and voice. I've learned to trust that God is leading me even when I don't sense it and can't tell exactly where I'm going. People around me might say God is this way or that way so I have to step back and see where I fit in to His plans.

What things have been hard?

It's hard being away from a place like St. B's because this is the community that built me up and sent me out to serve. Part of taking on priesthood is never being a member of a



VIRGINIA SEMINARY



Totalization

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God's call on our lives. We are committed more than ever to missions and ministry and are very excited to see what is next. We are open to returning to BFA but we are also open to however and wherever God wants to continue writing our story!

In the mean time, will you join us in praying over a couple of things? The next 6-8 weeks usually prove to be the most difficult at BFA. It is usually gray and rainy and we can go for weeks without seeing the sun. We have no breaks to speak of and the spirits of students and staff alike can be pretty low. We need prayers for strength, stamina and unity. Also, we are looking for a place to call home for the year we are home. We only need a small apartment since it will just be three us. We rest in your prayers and are so blessed to know that each Sunday our names are being lifted to the throne.

We look forward to seeing you all this summer and getting to know those of you who have joined the St. B's community since our departure!



THIS PHRASE HANGS IN THE POWELL'S DORM AT THE ACADEMY

Home Stretch

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MARGARET IN THE HONG KONG HARBOR

congregation again. I embody the church differently and I am being transformed by that. I will always remember St. B's fondly and I remain grateful for the support I have received from you all.

What's in store for you going forward?

I hope to minister to youth in some capacity. For eleven or twelve years, I've worked with youth as either a paid minister or a volunteer, so as I approach ordination, I think, "Why would I do anything else?" I don't yet know what that will look like. I've done some field education in high school chaplaincy, which I enjoyed. I'll just have to wait and see what the future holds.

As the people of St. B's live into the Lenten season, what disciplines might you suggest people practice

to be able to hear the call and voice of God?

If people know of a way that works for them – be it a walk in nature, time studying and pondering verses – I would encourage them to seek those avenues. The discipline part comes when you continue that particular practice even when you don't feel like it. Being intentional is important – that's what makes it a discipline. You might start feeding the homeless on Friday nights or go to church when "it's not convenient," because it's the discipline you have taken on. Lenten practices have always been best for me when I've asked God, "Where are you leading me?" Lent is a season of penitence and turning back to God. I would encourage people to invite God into their lives consciously and ask Him, where are you leading me? And then pray for the strength to follow God's lead.



Taking Part in the Larger Church

A Report on Diocesan Convention, Jan. 25 - 26

by Dorman Burtch

The “diocese” is the integral unit of the Episcopal Church, with all of the congregations of the diocese serving as diocesan mission outposts. Annually, the parishes and missions of the diocese meet together in convention with the bishop, his staff and various committees to conduct the business of the diocese, to share information about the work of the congregations and committees from the year past, to plan and budget work for the coming year, and to share information about the resources available through its 45 congregations.

Continuing its long history in this state, the Diocese of Tennessee conducted its 181st Annual Convention January 25 and 26 at Christ Church Cathedral on Broadway in Nashville. During the two-day convention, St. Bartholomew’s was represented by its lay delegation that included Meredith Flynn, Katherine Letterman, Beverly Mahan, Whitney Stone, Dorman Burtch, Langley Granbery, Sean Root, Micah Weedman and Marshall Weems, and by our clergy delegates, Fathers Jerry, Dixon and Stu. While all three

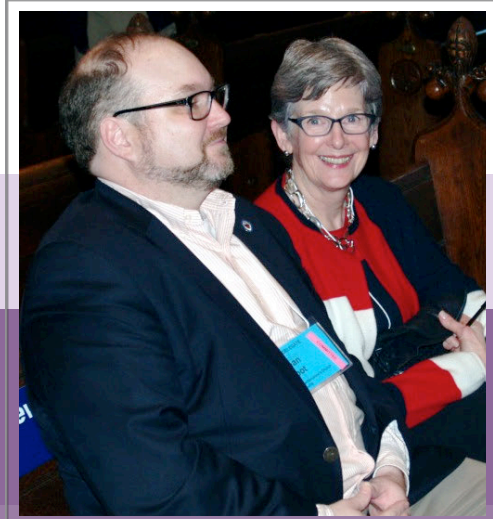
clergy were on the floor throughout the convention, we are allocated five voting lay delegates on the floor at any one time, and we rotated our regular and alternate delegates onto the floor as schedules dictated and permitted.

At this convention, Fr. Jerry attended the final Bishop & Council meeting of his elected term, and Sean Root served on the convention’s General Resolutions Committee. During the course of the convention, Marshall Weems was elected to the diocese’s Architectural Committee, Brea Cox to the Cursillo Committee, and Fr. Dixon was elected Chair of the diocese’s Youth Steering Committee as well as elected to the Dandridge Trust Board. Good work and congratulations!

The convention passed a balanced diocesan budget of almost \$1,600,000 to which all congregations contribute, and from which all benefit in some way, directly or indirectly. Of the resolutions considered, two noteworthy general resolutions passed were (1) a resolution to our state government to continue to allow face-to-face visitation of maximum security

inmates with family, clergy and counselors, and to repeal a (cost saving) test policy now in effect at the Riverbend Prison that allows visitation only with the parties separated by glass, and (2) a resolution to continue the study of the Anglican Covenant and ways in which the Episcopal Church might continue participation in the Covenant. Among the canonical resolutions, one was passed changing the rule for the number of voting delegates at the diocesan convention from the number of “communicants in good standing” to a formula based on average Sunday attendance, the rationale being that average Sunday attendance is “more realistic and easily defined.”

The annual diocesan conventions are planned for the last Friday and Saturday of January.



SOME OF THE DELEGATION FROM ST. B'S AT THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.



St. B's 26th Season of RITI Ministry

Volunteers Speak Their Mind

Compiled by Jim Pichert

This is St. B's 26th consecutive season of Room In The Inn service, joining more than 170 Nashville-area congregations. This season more than 150 St. B's members and friends, and more than 30 parishioners from Church of the Good Shepherd collaboratively served nearly 250 homeless persons ranging in age from 7 months to 77 years.

Here's what some pew-mates have to say about their RITI experience:

Rick Wood, regular overnight host: I do RITI in part to say "thank you" for what God has done for me. I think about 1 Peter 4:10 ("use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as stewards of God's grace"). The older I get, the more I realize how much grace I have been given.

tradition, we can't *not* do it! Over time and through conversations with many guests, I've come to see that although not a cure-all, RITI has more than a "band-aid" role for Nashville's homeless. When I list the ways I sense Jesus at work in our St B's family, RITI is near the top. (Read about Thomas and Carmen Hall's 2008 experience: <http://www.stbs.net/mediafiles/branchfeb08web.pdf>, pages 16-17).

Jenny Warren Ramsey: During a recent RITI dinner, Warren, our energetic 2 year old son sparked stories of guests' children, adding humor and another level of connection. RITI ... gives the opportunity to meet, eat, and talk with the real face of homelessness...the closest opportunity I have to break bread with "the least of these."

Jack Boone: it's important that I give my time as well as money. At any given time I could be a homeless person ... I never take that for granted. To listen to a homeless person's stories of courage, faith and strength humbles me and keeps me balanced. What you see on the outside is not the reflection of what comes from the soul within. God didn't make any rejects.

Michelle Ferguson, regular laundry volunteer: As I wash, dry, and fold St. B's towels and linens, I often think of the men, women and sometimes children who will be crawling under the sheets... Clean linens are a simple pleasure that most of us take for granted. I hope that as our guests use our linens, they feel loved and cared for.

Maurice Fleiss, RITI Coordinator for Good Shepherd's collaboration with St. Bs: "I love and believe in RITI."

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Each Saturday night through Sunday morning, November 1 through March 31, volunteers host 12 screened homeless individuals here at the church. We pick them up from the Campus for Human Development, share a warm meal, provide a safe area to sleep, have breakfast in the morning with them and get them back to the campus.

Weekly volunteers are needed to prepare meals, pack the lunches, stay the night with the guests, drive the guests, and washing the laundry. Check the sign-up in the Parish Hall Building

For more information contact Jim Pichert at jpichert@comcast.net.



JIM PICHERT



RITI volunteers come in all sizes

Carmen Hall, regular dinner volunteer: Why do we volunteer? We love it, it's our



Mary Woods, regular breakfast contributor: RITI provides our family an opportunity to directly give back to our community. I've learned so much about our guests' dietary issues (e.g., many need soft food, many have stomach troubles)...provides a great chance to pray specifically for guests and their needs.

Rusty Grant, regular overnight host: I can easily get lost in my own troubles, but when I do Room In The Inn I come away very thankful for the blessings God has given me and thankful for the blessing of actually doing in some small way what Christ commanded.

Kristin Kinser, regular laundry volunteer: No matter how busy our weekend schedule ... it is fairly easy to pick up a container of sheets and towels on Sunday morning and return them later during the week...[and it's] a great way to get my kids involved in serving. Even young children can fold towels and pillowcases and participate.

Jeff Strickland: (and family, multiple dinner meal providers): We volunteered for RITI as it is never too early to demonstrate to our children our duty to give back to your community.

Sharon Smith, regular meal volunteer: RITI offers a wonderful space for pursuing the call of Christ, to serve, and to serve in community. I feel honored to talk with our guests, to learn of their lives, hopes, dreams, and heartaches. Always, I am made aware that we are all sojourners in this life, some lives rockier and more difficult than others. When we gather together in Christ's Name, there He is, and hope, grace and joy abound.

Jim Zaher, regular overnight host: I volunteer because RITI brings dignity... Many homeless persons simply want a

listening ear and a genuine conversation. RITI provides a simple yet profound way to offer that.

Sally Chambers, meal volunteer and laundry volunteer: At least for me, it's such a simple and easy thing: picking up the tub of laundry, throwing it in the washer, folding it, and bringing it back to the church. But it's become really meaningful to fold those sheets while praying peace and rest for the one who will sleep in them.

Erin Shankel, regular meal volunteer: Evie [age 7 daughter] announced "I got the job!" and needed to leave to go to work. Her job, she said when asked, was running 'a place for poor people, where it's warm inside when it's cold outside, and there's always plenty to eat.' Her sweet heart is inspiring our family to service!"

Jim Pichert: I got involved 26 years ago because Jim Stranch and Randall Ferguson asked. If you've read this far, please volunteer for one task one Saturday.



THE TUB OF LAUNDRY A VOLUNTEER COLLECTS, WASHES AND RETURNS.



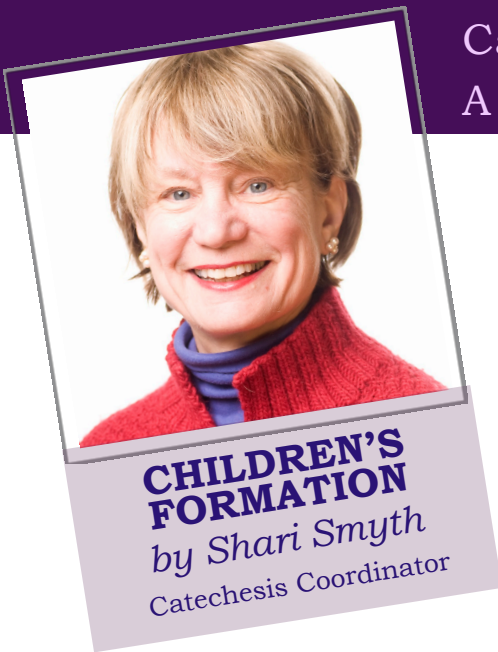
St. B's JESU Ministry

provides shirts, socks and underwear to the RITI guests. Other clothing is given as available. When you and your family are out shopping this season, please consider buying some of these items and dropping them by the church. If you have questions please contact the church at stbsoffice@stbs.net.



The Lord is my Shepherd

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Level I
A Christian Formation Offering for Children



Welcome to Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for three to five-year-olds. Step inside our atrium (It's what we call the room) and see a sheepfold made of real stones with a gate that opens and closes. Inside are the "sheep" watched over by the "Good Shepherd." It is the focal point. It is where we begin each year.

"I am the Good Shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me..."

During the lesson the children gather round the sheep fold and watch as the Good Shepherd opens the gate and calls out His sheep. ***"He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out...he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice..."***

"What about the lost sheep?" a child invariably asks. This is a favorite lesson where the Good Shepherd goes out, calling and calling 'til He finds that sheep and carries him/her home on His shoulders. Then what? "There's a big party to celebrate!" a child responds.

Like the Good Shepherd, the other lessons are designed to meet the preschoolers where they are and are also available to the children on the shelves lining the walls. The structure of our lessons follows the church year and its colors. Through the liturgical puzzle, the children learn the year and how it revolves around three great celebrations: Christmas, Easter and Pentecost.

A miniature sacristy cabinet holds a paten, chalice, candles and cross. Oh how the little ones love to open the cabinet doors and set the altar table to prepare for the Eucharist! They learn how to mix the water and wine and what it means. They learn gestures, such as the Celebrant holding his hands over the Bread and Wine with a prayer for the Holy Spirit to come upon these gifts.



MARK WILLIAMS LEADS A LESSON

Just before Advent we bring out a map of the land of Israel to anchor the children in a real place and time. From there, we move into the Old Testament prophets and what they said about the "Child who will be born" and His



names, each weighted with power and glory. We travel across hundreds of years, to Nazareth where the Angel Gabriel brings astonishing news to Mary. Now our calendar is purple. It's Advent, and we are getting our hearts ready for the Christ Child.

After Christmas we delve into the mystery of the Kingdom of God through the parables of Jesus. The mustard seed, for instance, so tiny a breath could blow it away. A seed is placed on each child's finger and together we wonder how something so small can grow into a great tree. The Kingdom of God is like this mustard seed, Jesus said. From another

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Celebrating Resurrection

A Journey with Magdalene House

by Katherine Wright



KATHERINE WRIGHT & DORIS

In recent weeks during our time together on Sunday mornings, we have been reminded that we are the visible and tangible light of God to those around us. For myself, fear of the unknown can sometimes keep that light "hiding under a bushel". My experience with Magdalene House is an ongoing journey with God that has brought tears, joy, laughter, and surprises. He has taken me out of my daily comfort zone into a world where He constantly delights in bringing hope and healing!

Magdalene House is a 2-year residential recovery program for women in Nashville. Participants in the program are recovering from various addictions and painful life circumstances including

drugs, alcohol, prostitution, life on the streets, violence, estrangement from family, and loss of self worth.

Thistle Farms is a cottage industry of Magdalene House where the women make home and bath products. They learn job skills, are exposed to leadership training, work together in community, and take pride in a product that is nationally sold (including the St. B's bookstore).

I have been blessed to serve as a volunteer with Magdalene for almost 3 years. Some of the stories the women express to me are honestly difficult to hear and comprehend. I would like to share a few of these life narratives / experiences with you that will give a clearer picture of their struggles:

- Being so lost in crack addiction that you don't eat or shower for days or weeks.

- Praying you will be caught by the police and taken to jail (it is safer behind bars than on the streets).
- Witnessing the murder of a parent as an 8 year old and wondering why you don't feel safe at night as an adult.
- Being sexually abused throughout childhood by relatives or trusted family friends.
- Graduating from Magdalene, slowly building your first apartment, and then losing everything in the Nashville flood.
- Feeling the joys and pain of life for the first time. Numbing life by drugs is no longer an option.
- Regretting that you missed your mother's funeral because your extended family could not find you on the streets.
- Learning the art of living one day at a time.
- Longing to spend your first Christmas with your formerly estranged children who are now adults. Praying that somehow you can save enough money for a bus fare to make that trip home possible.

Over these three years, we have worked together to break down stereotypes on both sides of the "life experience" fence. There have been times when I have cried out to God to give me the strength to keep walking in the door and being vulnerable myself...life on the streets creates many walls related to the possibility of healthy discussion and relationships.

On Friday, May 31, the women of St. B's will host a graduation and luncheon for the eight women completing the Magdalene program this year. Last year was the first time that the women and leadership of Magdalene House have totally entrusted this day of celebration to an outside organization. Our

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The Women of St. B's
are pleased to host

Magdalene House's
Graduation & Lunch
Friday, May 31

please email stbswomen@stbs.net if
you would like to donate goods or
volunteer to help host this very
special occasion.



sanctuary was a beautiful setting for the ceremony. Being in a holy environment was a vivid reminder to these women that they are loved and cherished by God and the church family of St B's. The graduates and their friends & families were made to feel welcome by spoken greetings, corsages for each graduate, and truly amazing gift bags. Many women of St B's contributed money for gift cards, toiletries, home supplies, stationary, artwork created for the occasion, books, and more to fill the bags to overflowing.

After the ceremony, the women, friends, family, and staff were invited to a luncheon prepared in their honor by the the women of St. B's. The Parish Hall was transformed with flowers, table linens, and festive table settings to make the graduates feel welcomed. It took a lot of planning and coordination to celebrate with and feed over 125 guests. Many women volunteered to cook, clean, serve the

meal, and work behind the scenes. The staff of Magdalene House were overjoyed that they could relax and enjoy the luncheon – no participation in clean-up required!

For this moment in time, we were given the opportunity to witness the healing

power of God's gracious love. Consider joining in this celebration in May to experience the Spirit of God breathe light and hope into broken and courageous women who have chosen life! Alleluia! Alleluia!



SOME OF THE MAGDALENE GRADUATES IN 2012 AT ST. B'S



St. B's Garden Work Day

Saturday, Feb. 23
9 a.m. - Noon

Come help prepare the veggie garden for planting.
Email creationcare@stbs.net for more information.



The "Stuff" of Pentecost

Easter Comes to a Close after 50 Days

Welcome to Pentecost! This season is the time when the people of God are empowered by the Holy Spirit to implement the mission of God in, for, and throughout the world. As a boy growing up in the Episcopal Church, I understood Pentecost to be mostly the birthday of the church. This was the day when the disciples, while waiting in Jerusalem on orders from Jesus himself, were filled with the Holy Spirit, spoke in other languages and saw 3000 people "added to their number" that day. It was called Pentecost because it happened 50 (*pente* in Greek) days after the crucifixion.

What I came to learn later was that Pentecost was actually a much older and ancient Jewish festival. The Hebrew version is called *Shavuot* (which means "weeks") because it took place 7 weeks after the paradigmatic Jewish Holy Day of Passover. *Shavuot* was both a pilgrim and a harvest festival, meaning that Jews had to travel to Jerusalem to celebrate and offer a bunch of produce from their farms. This festival is the reason so many Jews were in Jerusalem on the day the Spirit

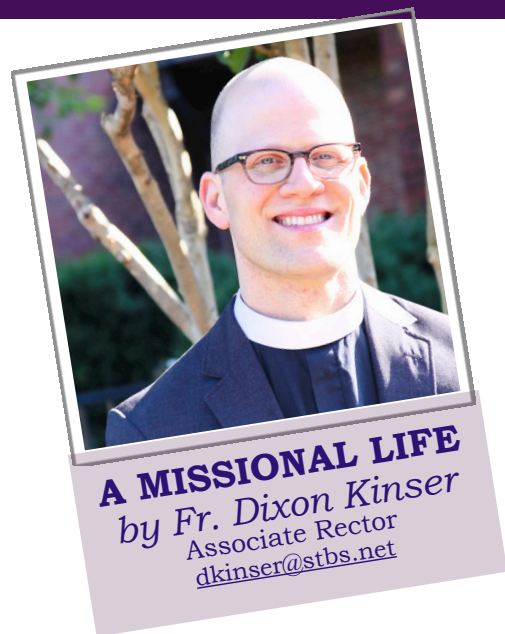
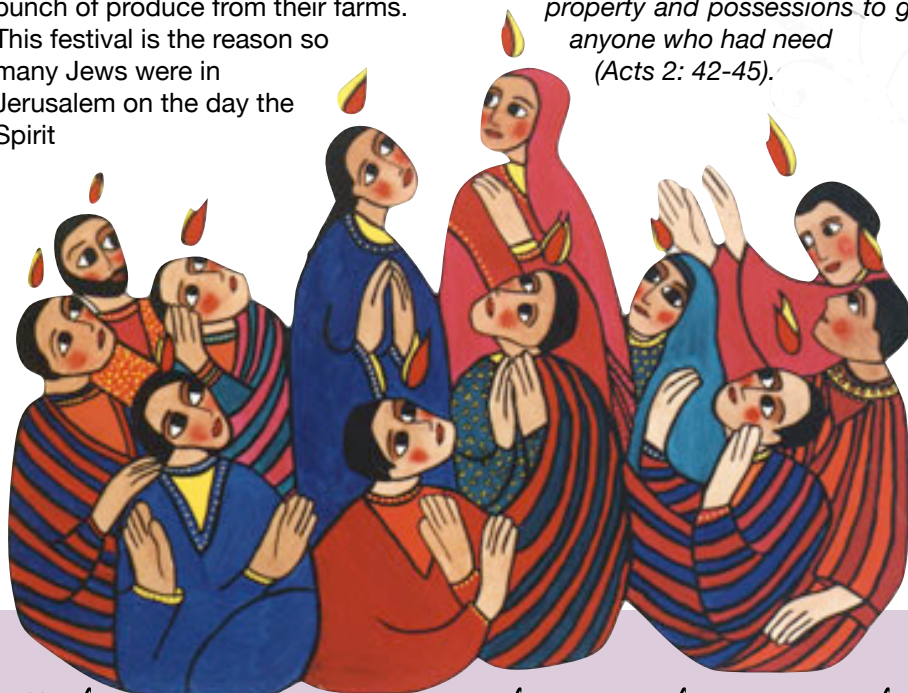
came down on the apostles and why they spoke so many different languages – they had come from far and near to make a harvest offering to God. Somehow, worship of God was connected to their "stuff."

Over time, this Feast of Weeks (as it is also known) took on an eschatological importance. It symbolized the way that God would one day draw not only the Jews, but also all the nations to himself, just as He had promised Abraham years before. Ultimately, the harvest of Pentecost would be people.

And so it was.

The book of Acts famously describes the activity of the fledgling church this way:

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need (Acts 2: 42-45).



When Luke talks about this new community of faith, he specifically mentions that their worship of God was connected to their "stuff" too. Bread, property, possessions-- these are the things that, when people are deprived of them, can turn communities violent and oppressive. However, this emerging church seemed to be working to create a world where such desperation wouldn't be necessary. Their actions were oriented to ensure that everyone had what they needed and seemed to understand that the "life to the full" that Jesus offers (John 10:10) is not had through the accumulation of "stuff," but rather in the act of giving of it away.

What can we learn by their example as we enter the season of Pentecost this year? What "stuff" might God be asking you to bring to Jerusalem this year? And how will we fulfill the hope of Pentecost: that through God's people, all the nations of the world will be drawn to Him and be blessed?

All the believers were together and had everything in common...



From Glory to Glory

Celebrating the glory that grows within us and among our community

Anniversaries

Gretchen and Judson Abernathy	05/27
Pat and Bill Bowlby	05/16
Zena Carruthers and Steve Thorne	05/05
Karen and Greg Daniel	05/13
Natasha and John Deane	05/21
Suzanne and Rodger Dinwiddie	05/17
Abigail and Alfred Dowell	05/19
Kathy and David Edwards	03/05
Suzy and Bob Floyd	04/28
Vanessa and Matt Hardy	05/11
Nancy Hyer and Jim Russell	03/25
Ta and Monty Kimble	04/24
Susan and Bob Lyons	04/16
Thorunn and Roger McCoy	05/20
Jan and Jerry Minshall	03/16
Dianne and Mike O'Neil	04/12
Teresa and Jim Robinson	05/16
Kim and Dan Simpson	04/29
Abigail and Nathaniel Tylor	03/24
Pamela and Malcolm White	03/23
Heather and Morgan Wills	05/17

March Birthdays

Adams, Tara	03/11
Alcott, Michelle	03/09
Andrews, Nita	03/07
Barker, Janet	03/19
Bauchiero, Andrew John (Drew)	03/24
Bauchiero, Corinna Blake	03/28
Bowlby, Pat	03/07
Bowman, Barbara	03/24
Buxton, Ava Nadine	03/09
Chapman, Kristin	03/12
Craig, Lisa	03/01
Daniel, Karen	03/20
Daniel, Leah Joanna	03/30
Daniel, Naomi	03/22
Ferguson, Graham	03/03
Flynn, Parker Joseph	03/25
Freeman, Martha	03/09
Freeman, Rachel	03/10
Granbery, Catie	03/03
Hall, Manaen Valiente	03/22
Headley, Miles	03/25
Holmes, Dr Clarke	03/18
Holt, Trevor	03/10
Hunter, Kristi	03/03
Hutchinson, Joan	03/25
Insani, Jordan	03/03
James, Henry	03/07
James, Teddy	03/07
Jones, Canaan	03/15

Kinser, Aidan	03/29
Kinser, Quinn	03/15
Krogman, Sarah	03/26
Lundgren, Paige	03/22
Michel, Benjamin Ransom	03/29
Moessner, Aaron Samuel	03/31
Moore, Chase Thomas	03/09
Myatt, Owen	03/13
Penney, Richard Woods (Woods)	03/11
Poindexter, Yvonne	03/06
Price, Harrison Phillips	03/25
Roberts, Damian	03/30
Robinson, Jim	03/06
Ryan, Stephen	03/13
Schober, Carla	03/10
Schroeder, Madelyn Grace	03/24
Sefton, Rachel	03/27
Smith, Robert	03/01
Stranch, Grace	03/30
Thornton, Alexandra	03/14
Waters, Gail	03/20
Wilhoite, Hunter	03/30
Wilhoite, Laura	03/20
Wood, Asher	03/23
Woods, Peter	03/14
Wyse, Anna	03/10
Wyse, Eric	03/01
Zadick, Suzanne	03/25

April Birthdays

Adkison, Sydney	04/11
Agyemang, Henry	04/27
Bauchiero, Dan	04/20
Bowlby, John	04/21
Cleary, Dan	04/10
Cooper, Beckett Andrew	04/30
Dinwiddie, Rodger	04/20
Easter, Luke	04/25
Ewing, Leslie	04/17
Fenton, Emily	04/09
Goff, Sissy	04/25
Goldthorpe, Anne	04/03
Griffith, Paxton	04/30
Gross, Nolan	04/22
Hall, Carmen	04/10
Hardy, Matt	04/13
Hardy, Vanessa	04/28
Holmes, Alex	04/12
Hornsby, Becky	04/30
James, Emmaclaire	04/03
Johnson, James Gowen	04/21
Johnson, Jim	04/21
Kazmerowski, Carolee	04/16
Kintz, Peter Charles	04/16
Krogman, Emily Ann	04/19
Krogman, Rachel Lee	04/19
Latham, Adam	04/24
Lehman, Grant	04/02
MacLachlan, Ashley	04/07

Madeira, Kate	04/05
Mahan, William	04/27
Mullins, Mary	04/11
Mumme, Mindy	04/19
Murrey, Christopher	04/12
Penney, Amber	04/16
Penney, Rick	04/16
Pichert, Sue	04/09
Powell, Susan	04/15
Price, Matthew (Matt)	04/17
Prichard, Kimberly S.	04/05
Richardson, Ben	04/20
Richey, Mr Chuck	04/25
Schober, Michael	04/20
Scott, Bet	04/27
Searfoss, Kristin	04/04
Sefton, Aaron	04/13
Shankel, Evangeline Ruth	04/30
Shankel, Stella Dale	04/02
Smith, Michael Aaron	04/10
Smyth, Shari	04/25
Thorne, Beth	04/04
Thorpe, Kendra	04/18
van der Heijden, Elijah	04/20
van der Heijden, Lucas	04/16
Ward, James	04/22
Weems, Evelyn	04/22
Wilford, Brince	04/17
Wilford, George Rayburn	04/23
Williams, Clay	04/20
Wills, Morgan	04/10
Wood, Gaia	04/02
Wood, Presley Otto	04/22
Zadick, Rebecca	04/08
Zaher, James (Jim)	04/06

May Birthdays

Alcott, Jim	05/13
Andrews, Al	05/18
Bradley, Micah Nell	05/08
Cason, Patrick	05/11
Collins, Ruthie Adeline	05/07
Covey, Christina	05/11
Cropp, Griffin	05/13
Daniel, Hannah	05/10
Deane, John	05/23
Dinwiddie, Suzanne	05/12
Droman, Marilyn	05/04
Garner, Andy	05/07
Garner, Corry	05/25
Goodman, Randy	05/10
Gross, Victoria	05/09
Gustafson, Gerrit	05/10
Hampton, Benjamin	05/07
Hornsby, Emily	05/04
Jones, Naomi	05/03
Lauer, Olivia	05/09
Lauer, Stella Hope	05/06
Leo, John	05/05

Being transformed into His likeness with ever-increasing glory.
from Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth, chapter 3, verse 18.



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Celebrating the glory that grows within us and among our community

Madeira, Nathaniel David	05/13
McRae, Jay	05/28
Mennen, Gracie	05/08
Myatt, Jamie	05/21
Penney, Aubrey	05/14
Pichert, Allison	05/26
Pichert, Tom	05/30
Pitt, Anne Elizabeth (Annie)	05/20
Pressnell, Micah James	05/25
Price, August Jean	05/10
Pullen, Jill	05/09
Reasor, Philip	05/27
Roberts, Carmen	05/12
Rodgers, Elizabeth	05/29
Root, Larissa	05/23
Shay, Phil	05/22
Southwood, Allyson	05/06
Southwood Jr, John	05/18
Tischler, Heinrich	05/15
Tomlin, Joel	05/10
Weedman, Audrey Kay	05/04
Weedman, Clara Jean	05/04
Weedman, Emmaline	05/18

West, Nancy	05/18
White, Eve	05/22
White, Pamela	05/16
Wilder, Corinne	05/16
Wirdzek, Amy	05/07

Births

Thelonious George parents, Gretchen and Judson Abernathy	1/13
Rhys Adams parents, Melissa and James Ward	2/4

Baptisms

Grant Thomas Holland Swihart	1/13
Xavier Manuel Cruz	1/20
Ava Ann Larsen	1/27
Owen McGinn Ferrell	2/3

Deaths:

Paul Robert Battle	12/29
Teresa Silva Coleman	1/6
Mary Alice Parker	1/30
Dawn Brewer Grant	2/1

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St. B's
Family Meeting
Sunday, April 7
9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

*vestry elections, budget
presentation, reports from
Fr. Jerry and the wardens.*

St. B's
Family Celebration
Sunday, May 19
on the day of
Pentecost

parable we learn that the Kingdom of God is like the pearl of great price for which the merchant, when he found it, sold everything he had to buy it.

Another important facet of Catechesis is the response time, which we call "work." The children choose from the shelves what they would like to do. The room is divided into art, practical life, and Bible stories. The practical life consists of pouring, color mixing, bead stringing.....helping to teach eye-hand

coordination. There are puzzles and a tray of nature items.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd goes from September through May. We end with Pentecost. We have a big celebration, a birthday party for the church. The color of the day is red. Then the children move into summer break and the church calendar turns green. It's the growing time. Along with the growth of their bodies, I pray that the tiny seed of the Kingdom of God grows in their hearts.



A SCENE
FROM THE
CATECHESIS
ATRIUM





H O L Y W E E K

Continue the Lenten journey through Holy Week. Travel with Jesus through the palms, into the upper room, to the garden, onto the cross and from the tomb. Easter Sunday tends to mean more after walking through Holy Week.

Palm Sunday, March 24, 8:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Join us for the Liturgy of the Palms as we remember the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday, March 28, 6:30 p.m.

Maundy is the Latin word for command (mandatum), and it refers to the command given by Jesus to his disciples to love one another. On this night we remember Christ's institution of Communion and foot washing.

Childcare is offered for children 4 years and under with an RSVP to churchoffice@stbs.net by Monday, March 25.

Good Friday, March 29, Noon

The Good Friday liturgy dates back to the third century and certainly marks the solemnity of this day. The Passion and death of our Lord is read from the Gospel of John, followed by a homily and what are known as the Solemn Collects.

Good Friday, March 29, 5:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross.

The stations are another ancient way of praying through Christ's journey to the cross: from his arrest through his death. On Good Friday at St B's, we follow the stations around the path outside, sharing the burden of carrying a large wooden cross.

Easter Saturday Vigil, March 30, 7:00 p.m.

This liturgy is one of the oldest in the Christian tradition. Converts after their Lenten preparation would be initiated into the faith through baptism on Easter Eve. The liturgy includes the service of light, service of the word, service of baptism. Please come and renew your commitment to the resurrected Lord.

Easter Sunday, March 31, 6 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

Let's remember that today, Easter season begins. Easter isn't one day but 50. So let the sound of alleluias reverberate from Sunday to Sunday until the day of **Pentecost, May 19.**