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*PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH AND LOVE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, IN WORD AND IN DEED.*

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### BISHOP ATWOOD VISITS ST. BART'S

What an awesome weekend! Our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Bill Atwood and his wife Susan, visited us March 13, 14, and 15.

Bishop Atwood taught the Lenten Friday Night Bible Study, met for a luncheon on Saturday, celebrated and preached at a Healing Eucharist on Saturday, and then preached at and celebrated all three services on Sunday. What a blessing to have our Bishop here with us!

We look forward to their return, Sunday, May 31, as the Bishop will confirm over 20 Confirmands at a special 11:15 service that day.

We are indeed blessed to be led by such a Godly Bishop—who loves the Lord and His Word.



*HE IS  
RISEN!*

### EASTER DAY SERVICES

#### NOTE THE TIMES:

Holy Eucharist: 7:30 AM

Holy Eucharist: 9:15 AM

Holy Eucharist: 11:15 AM

*A children's program will be available ONLY at the 9:15 AM service on Easter Sunday.*

### LENTEN WED. HOLY EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

6:45 AM, 9:30 AM, & 5:30 PM Every Wednesday

#### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE—(APRIL 6-11)

MON & TUES: STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7PM

MON & TUES: HOLY EUCHARIST 7:30PM

WED: HOLY EUCHARIST 6:45 AM, 9:30 AM, & 5:30 PM

THURS: SEDER DINNER 5:30PM

HOLY EUCHARIST 7:00PM

TENEBRAE REHEARSAL 7:30PM

#### GOOD FRIDAY:

"LITURGICAL THREE HOURS" NOON TO 3PM

SOLEMN TENEBRAE 8:00PM

**THE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION OCCURS ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH!**

57 bags of food, and 3 cash donations were taken to the Food Pantry in March.

The Food Pantry is still very much in desperate need of some personal care items such as: bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes, razors, toilet paper, feminine products and paper and plastic bags. They continue to need the usual food items such as boxed dinners, fruit, peanut butter.

The Food Pantry received extra donations of Pet Food—so they are giving away this food to Senior Citizens who can't afford to feed their pets.

Please bring your items on the **FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH** so that our "Food Pantry Delivery Angels" only have to make one trip.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - 2009**



Please be sure to mark your calendars - VBS is coming! This year's theme is "Crocodile Dock" and it will be held from Sunday, June 28 to Thursday, July 2, 2009. For more

information - or to volunteer, Please speak with David Curtis or Jim Kibby.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**



*Maundy Thursday Seder*

Please come and join us for a very special meal on Maundy Thursday evening, April 9, at 5:30 PM.

We will gather in the Great Hall, to celebrate the Passover meal as Jesus and the Apostles did - with an understanding of the significance of the Seder on this special night.

Sign-up sheets are in the Great Hall, one for attendance, and two others for volunteers to help us set up and clean up. We look forward to your coming!

Come and join us for our Second Annual Passover Seder, the first in our new home. At the conclusion of the Seder, we will proceed into the Nave of the Church, so that we may share in the Lord's Supper.



**prayer  
for the  
persecuted  
church**

**PPC** - "Prayer for the Persecuted Church" corner - Check our display board and table in the lobby and **join us** for prayer and purpose of mission in the **Fellowship Hall** the first Monday of every month. Check the display board to see how you can help with our next project. Next meeting: Monday, April 6, at 7:30 pm.

**Christians Face Persecution in Iraq:**

In the last ten weeks, over 3,000 Christian families have fled the city of Mosul, in Iraq. Mosul is described by a VOM contact as "ground zero" of persecution in Iraq. Many Christians are killed by family members who are ashamed of their conversion. The real challenge is securing church leadership as many pastors and church workers have been killed or targeted by terrorists.

**Prayer Points:**

- Iraqi Christians are not asking for prayer that God will end the persecution.
  - Their prayer and desire is to be faithful in spite of the persecution and be able to continue to do gospel work. Pray that God will strengthen Christian families in Iraq to spread the good news, and enable Christian leaders to continue their ministry.
  - Pray that as American troops withdraw, Iraqi military and police will provide safety and security of all of its citizens including Christians who have been targeted by extremists.
- VOM's ministry includes distributing Bibles, Christian literature, and Action Packs.



**GENERATION NEXT**

**GENERATION NEXT — IMPORTANT DATES**

- April 6 - FUN NIGHT 7-9 PM (SR's & JR's)**
- April 13 - NO MEETING**
- April 19 - YOUTH SUNDAY**
- April 20 - SR's: 7- 9 PM**
- April 22 - JR's: -7- 8:30 PM**
- April 25 - MINISTRY OUTREACH**

**THE BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD**

Our annual *Soup Luncheon* on Saturday, March 21 was delicious thanks to our *Soup Chef*, Jim Glownia. Our program about *Seeing Eye Dogs* and how they help those who are blind was very well received. Thanks to Louise Jones' daughter, Pamela, and the puppy she and her family are preparing to be a Guide Dog, for giving us a greater awareness of this wonderful program.

Start thinking Spring and flower gardens! Our plant sale will be May 15 and 16. Order forms will be available soon. The sale will be changed due to space constrictions for organizing the orders. *We will be only taking orders. There might be a very few extra plants, but we won't have the volume of extra plants for sale that we have had in previous years.*

Our Guild Banquet will be on Thursday, June 4, at Rizzo's Banchetti on North French Road. Watch the May Chatter for more details.

Thanks to all who have been donating items to our Gift Shop! More donations are welcome. We have been having requests for baby blankets. Please call Marilyn Alliger (877-8335) or Bonnie Fleischman (875-6402) for details and check our *store hours*.

**Coming Events:**

May 15-16 - Plant Sale

June 4 - Annual Banquet

Please continue to support the *Bundles for Babies* project that makes up bundles for the less fortunate in our communities. Baby items may be left in the basket which is in the Gift Shop. Diapers are especially needed. These items are taken to the Network of Religious Communities Office on Delaware where the bundles are made up. Thanks for all of the donations. They are greatly appreciated.

**MARCH VESTRY MEETING**

Donations for the new sign exceeded the cost so the additional funds have been used to erect an additional shield/pole sign for the entrance on Sheridan Drive. Diagrams of the outside crosses were selected by the Vestry. They will be aluminum and painted cherry.

Our UB Campus ministry will continue with several other ministries sharing in the space and paying towards the rent.

A Time Capsule will be located at a site to be selected.

A Paper Retriever Bin will be located on site for collecting paper from parishioners. Please bring your newspapers, etc, and deposit them in the bin.

As of 3/3/09, 263 pledges for \$544,256 compared to 258 pledges for \$433,000 for 2003.

*Men's*  
**Fellowship**  
*and Bible Study*



**Prayer and Pool Night:**

The Men's Fellowship and Bible Study in place of our regular meeting on the last Tuesday of each month will be having a Prayer and Pool Night in the youth center, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Please join us for Bible and Billiards. For more information, contact Jim Thompson (689-9652).



**MISSIONETTE NEWS**

Missionettes will be meeting on April 1st and the 22 this month. The Stars will be



finishing up their unit badge on Cooking and the Prims will be working on their Earth badge. Missionettes is a wonderful ministry that focuses on building Christian character through unit studies, activities, and projects. If you would like your daughter to become involved in this ministry, please contact Kathleen Ward @ 623-0507. We meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month right after the Junior choir practices.



**St. Bart's SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Check out the St. Bart's website for the new link to the CHILDREN'S MINISTRY. It talks about the Children's Ministry, upcoming events

for kids, and there is also a link for pictures!

**Upcoming Events:**

**Saturday, April 11**, EASTER JOY, from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.

**Sunday, April 12**, Easter Morning Special Event – 9:15 am service ONLY.

Our Sunday School classes are going great! Be sure your children keep up their attendance and don't forget the Scripture Challenge for 5<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> graders. They can win gifts cards to Tim Horton's, Dunkin Donuts, Subway, and more!

Check out our Bulletin Board between the Guild Store and the stairs across from the Fellowship Hall for more details.

