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# GENERAL CONVENTION 2006 GOES OFF THE DEEP END!

- **Consenting to a three times married man elected as a bishop.**
- **Refusing to validate Christ as “the Way, the Truth, and the Life.”**
- **Electing a woman as Presiding Bishop—who never has even been a rector.**
- **Refusing to completely accept and honor the Anglican Communion’s Windsor Report**

**MORE TO COME...**

## **DEAR MEMBERS OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW’S**

The singing season is about to begin! Won't you please consider being a part of one of our choirs this year? I have chosen a lot of beautiful music for all ages. Below is the rehearsal and singing schedule for our choirs.

The first rehearsals for the junior and senior choirs will be Wednesday, September 6. Juniors will rehearse from 6:15-6:45 PM. This choir is open to all children ages 7 through 13, and will sing at the 9:15 service. The senior choir will rehearse from 7:00-8:30 PM, and is open to all, ages 14 through adult. The senior choir mainly sings at the 11:00 AM service. New faces are welcome!

Our contemporary choir sings the second Sunday of each month, for the 9:15 AM service. This choir is open to all ages. I would specifically like to invite our youth to sing with us this year! Our existing members would really welcome you! Our first rehearsal will be Sunday, September 10, at 8:30 AM. The first Sunday we will sing will be that Sunday, Sept. 10.

Won't you please sing with one of our choirs this year? God will bless you for the tithe of your time and talent.

Sincerely,

*Terry Gamble.*

Organist / Choir Director

**THE BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD**

Please save Saturday, September 16, for *Macy's Shop For a Cause* fundraiser. Remember the *Spring Fling* at Kaufmann's last April for only \$10? Now that Macy's has taken over Kaufmann's they are continuing with a similar promotion. The tickets now are only \$5 and you can shop all day! There will be prizes, entertainment, etc. Check the Sunday bulletin for order forms.

**COMING EVENTS**

- September 21 — Thursday — Ice Cream Social — *program to be announced.*

The Guild would appreciate donations of items for our display case. If you have a talent and hobby for items that we can sell please contact Marilyn or Bonnie (phone numbers below). Baby items are a best seller—just inform them if they are for sale or for *Bundles for Babies*.

Please check the display case for gift items. Call Marilyn Alliger (877-8335), or Bonnie Fleischman (875- 6402) to order.

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 by the Guild's display case. Diapers are especially needed. These items are taken to the Network of Religious Communities office on Delaware where the bundles are made up.

**JULY VESTRY MEETING**

There are no regular scheduled meetings in July and August.



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

56 bags of food were taken to the Food Pantry in July, including one cash donation. They send their many thanks.

The Food Pantry is still in desperate need of 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, pasta, etc. They also continue to express their gratitude to the people of St. Bart's for their generosity.

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

**Generation Next Youth Group Summer Events**

The Youth Building is open each Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. for fellowship and fun. Bring a friend!

BOY'S BIBLE STUDY: 4 weeks, every Monday. Starts July 10<sup>th</sup>, ends July 31<sup>st</sup>. 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Topic: How faith builds you as a young man of God.

GIRL'S BIBLE STORY: 4 weeks, every Thursday. Starts July 20<sup>th</sup>, ends August 17<sup>th</sup>. No class during Kingdom Bound week. 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Topic: How music can and should affect our lives as young women of God.

Field of Faith Night (7/22) – Cancelled as a youth event. Any parishioner wishing information may contact Deacon Reitz.

Kingdom Bound Information Night – Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. Information will be given to and discussed with youth concerning the Kingdom Bound event. Money for the event will also be accepted this night.

Rocks, Rods, & Relationships – July 29<sup>th</sup>. Youth are encouraged to volunteer their time at this event as well as submit a contest entry (more information available through Deacon Reitz or Tracey Callari)

Kingdom Bound – Sunday, 8/6 – Thursday, 8/10.

Witnessing Picnic Event – Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Delaware Park

Car Wash Service/ Witnessing Event – Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**All youth entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade and above are welcome to participate in most youth events.**



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Jim Kibby and David Curtis thank everyone who helped with this year's VBS.

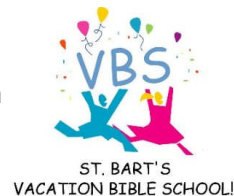
VBS 2006 would not have been a success without the help of the teachers, adults and youth.

There are a few maps of the world left over from the classrooms. If you would like one, please see David Curtis.



**VBS YOUTH**

The youth who helped with this year's Vacation Bible School will be thanked after the 5 PM Saturday service, August 5.



**C. S. LEWIS BOOK CLUB**

Put away your garden tools and head for the library. We will be reading "The Problem of Pain" and "A Grief Observed", starting Thursday, September 14.

For more information contact Susan Tobin or David Curtis.



**A NOTE OF THANKS**

I would like to thank all of the many well wishers who sent prayers, cards and flowers (especially the senior choir, the Altar Guild, the Bishop Scaife Guild, and all the others) to me during my hospital and rehab stay post surgery. All of your prayers, both then and now, are what got me through the roughest times.

Dick and I just want you to know how much we appreciate all the concern and kindness that all of you have shown to us. We are so happy to be members of such a large, caring, Christian family.

God Bless each and every one of you!

*Jan and Dick Smalter*

**ANGLICAN COMMUNION NETWORK PINS AVAILABLE!**



Order forms are on the table in the main entrance of the Church. Pins are \$3 each. See Lee Hilliker for more information.

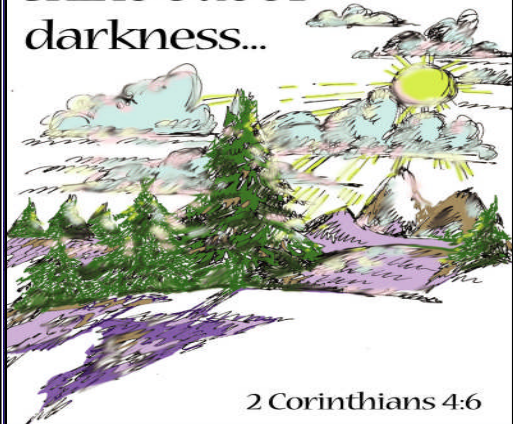
**ST. BART'S ANNUAL PICNIC A "HUGE" SUCCESS!!!**



Sunday July 23, was an awesome time at Ellicott Creek Park Casino. Hundreds of parishioners and family members enjoyed the delicious hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, sausage, salads and desserts that were on hand. It was a great time of sunshine, great food and awesome fellowship.

Many thanks to all of the cooks, BBQ chefs, and volunteers that made this such a wonderful success. We would like to especially thank the Herrmann family for leading this marvelous picnic.

Let light shine out of darkness...



2 Corinthians 4:6

