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HOLY CONFIRMATION DAY—SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2009

Bishop Bill Atwood visited us again, the weekend of May 29-31. On Sunday, he Confirmed and received 23 youth and adults. At that same service, the clergy of St. Bart's and Fr. John Mears of St. Peter's, renewed their ordination vows before the Bishop and the congregations.

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

42 bags of food , and 2 cash donations, were taken to the Food Pantry in June.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS—SAT. AUGUST 22, 2009



Come and join us for our 5th Annual Rock, Rods, & Relationships - evangelical outreach to the community.

From 2 to 8 PM—we will have music, free food, classic cars, and an awesome healing service—all on our front lawn.

Be there or be square!



GENERATION NEXT — SUMMER SCHEDULE

Guys & Girls Overnight Bible Study: 7/17-18, 7PM
(The Book of 1 Peter)

Church Picnic: 7/26

Kingdom Bound Mandatory Parent Meeting :
7/25 AFTER Sat. service (approx. 6 PM), 7/26
BEFORE Sun. service (9:15 AM)

Kingdom Bound: 8/2 through 8/6

GUYS Prepared for Battle: Overnight 8/14-15

24/7 Prayer Week: everyone should commit to at
least 1 hour - 8/16-8/23

Pluck a Donut & pack a Bible: 8/16 during 10 AM
service. (preparing our donated Bibles for RRR)

Rock, Rods, & Relationships: 8/22—we need
volunteers to man the Free Bible Table.

GIRLS Prepared for Battle: Overnight 8/28-29



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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, Sept. 14, at 7:30pm. (Our meetings are taking the summer off—but our prayers are NOT!)

Vietnam (Montagnard Foundation) Degar Christians Arrested for Mourning and Praying for Destroyed Church Building- At least 450 Degar Christians gathered around what was left of their historic church. Their eyes filled with tears as they stared at the destroyed building--the first church ever constructed by the indigenous Degar people. The faithful Christians held hands and began to pray as they gazed at the sandy rubble. This would be their home for the next three days and three nights--they had made a vow to pray unceasingly for the next 72 hours. However, the Vietnamese police were incensed with the Degar Christians and their desire to mourn the loss of their church. Thus, a group of Communist officers arrived at the scene and hand-picked twelve Degar Christians who were then taken into police custody. After being questioned for hours, the followers of Jesus Christ were released with strict instructions. The Degar Christians were told to stop praying to God and to never tell anyone in the United States that they had been forbidden from worshipping the Lord.

Pray that the Degar Christians will be able to rebuild their church.

Pray that the Vietnamese police will no longer persecute the Degar Christians.

Pray that the Degar Christians will let their light shine for Christ and lead the Vietnamese Communists to Christ.



A NOTE OF DEEPEST AND MOST SINCERE THANKS

I want to thank my St. Bart's family and friends for their prayers, their cards, calls, and other signs of love and affection during my recuperation from surgery. Your love means so very much to me. Marilyn, John, Theresa and I are very grateful. May God Bless You!

Fr. John Commins+

THE BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD

Our Annual Plant Sale in May made a profit of \$1,510.50. Thanks to all who ordered plants and for all those who helped at the sale.

Our annual *Guild Spring Banquet* was June 4, at Banchetti's on North French Road, was attended by 49 ladies. We enjoyed the fellowship and the Irish Dancers. They even showed some of the ladies how to dance "the Irish way."

The Gift Shop could use some help before and after services. Anyone available to help out - even occasionally, would be welcome. Please call Marilynn Alliger. (877-8335)

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

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.

JUNE VESTRY MEETING

The Building Committee gave the Vestry a prioritized list of projects that have to be done to the building. The first one is the roof repair. Due to the large cost of an entire roof, necessary repairs will be done this year. The parking lot is second on the list. It will be finalized in the fall.

Fr. Ward will be attending the Assembly of the new Anglican Church in North America, the week of June 22-25 in Forth Worth, Texas.

FROM LAST MONTH'S CHATTER: The last line of the Vestry report should have read: "To help with the high cost of our gas bill the Vestry voted to lock in the current rate."



St. Bart's
Church Picnic

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

YOU ARE INVITED! Come and join the St. Bart's Parish Family for the

Annual Church Picnic on Sunday July 26 following the 10 AM Service at the Ellicott Creek Park Casino. All you have to bring is a covered dish to share, salad or dessert — the church will do the rest!

WEDDING BELLS RING



Congratulations to Mr. Craig and Mrs. Desiree (Derschug) Donhauser .

On Saturday, May 23, at 2 PM, they exchanged vows of

Holy Matrimony at St. Bartholomew's.
Fr. Ward officiated and Fr. Commins assisted.



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!

1. The End of the Year Party for the kids was wonderful. All the children who attended had a fabulous time! Thanks to the Lord for the sunshine so we had the games outside, had snow cones, grilled hot dogs, and then we "went to the movies"! MANY THANKS to all the teachers, parents, and grandparents who helped out too!

2. SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL – every Sunday 10:00 am service. We still have some open spots for teachers in the Pre-K, 1st -3rd, and the 4th grade and up sections, so please sign up! We are trying to be sure there are at least 2 teachers for each section. The curriculum and craft is already created for you.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL CHILDREN SHALL START UPSTAIRS IN THE CHAPEL AT 10:00 AM. Any questions, call Marilyn Commins 731-9633.

