



# ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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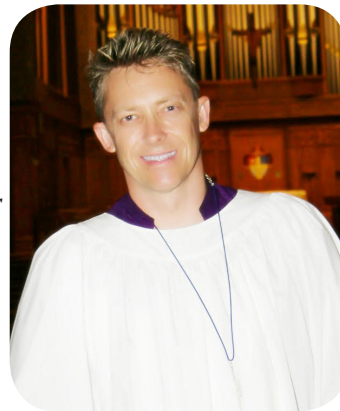
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### Modern Take on the Ancient Agape Meal

#### Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?

There's something special about the dinner table.

It's around the table that we share a meal and our stories. The table is an increasingly rare moment where our phones are put down, the TV is off and our full attention is brought to those gathered around. It's also one of the few times that many families gather for communal prayer as we share our thanksgivings with our hopes and our dreams, as well as our petitions for others.



#### A Shared Meal, Even at Our Homes, can be Eucharistic

There's also something intimate about breaking bread together in someone's home. I learn so much about what's on the heart of my friends and neighbors when we gather around the dinner table – more than they would ever have the chance to share in passing conversation. It's also a shared experience to which we all contribute. Even if our hosts say to "just bring yourself!" we still want to bring wine or flowers or maybe even desert to show our gratitude and to contribute in some way. Meals are "Eucharistic"

in that way. Like the gifts of the people – the oblation and the offertory – that are symbolically brought up to the altar at the Eucharist, symbolizing both our gratitude and our participation in our remembrance of Christ. We contribute to the meal so that the fellowship we create is a shared experience; one that we co-create together and all have a stake in.

#### The Agape Meal of the Early Church

Of course, the early church understood this as well. The primary way of gathering for Christians of the first century was around a communal meal which they called "Agape" or "Love Feasts" which was then followed by a more ritualized Eucharist. These gatherings were the early church's response to the Last Supper – the first Eucharist – which itself was celebrated in the context of an



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actual meal ("After supper, he took the cup of wine..."). During the second and third centuries, the agape meal was eventually separated from the Eucharist as churches began celebrating the Eucharist in the morning and hosting the love feast in the evening. As the church became increasingly institutionalized and clericalized, the agape meal fell away all together as a primary gathering for the church, though it would be revived from time to time in the post-Reformation era as reformers sought to recapture the spirit and intimacy of the early church (see John Wesley and early Methodism).



parties with no agenda other than to meet new friends, share a little about why we love St. Bart's and hear what God is up to in our lives. There are five dates to choose from, options for early or later dinner (5 or 7 p.m.) and childcare is available so everyone can participate. All you need to do is decide which night we have free and sign-up! Once a table fills up, a committee behind the scenes will let you know where you will be going and what you can bring. So join us! Let's practice what it means to share One Bread as we become One Body.

To sign up for one of the meals – stop by the table in the courtyard or go online to [www.stbartschurch.org/dinner](http://www.stbartschurch.org/dinner). You can also contact Rev. Chris Harris at [charris@stbartschurch.org](mailto:charris@stbartschurch.org) for more information or to sign-up.

~Rev. Chris Harris

## So what are we doing at St. Bart's?

This fall, we invite the entire congregation to follow in that lead as we gather in homes for small group, potluck dinner

## The AAA Pastor?

No, I am not talking about the Auto Club. I'm speaking to a spiritual truth that I've discovered over the course of my, now, almost ten years of ministry. You see; my personality is and always has been type A and at times AAA. That said what I have learned is that a prayer for "patience" is the one prayer God almost always answers, usually in the form of offering me an immediate opportunity to exercise it. Patience, it turns out, isn't something that God simply grants to us; it's something God actually expects us to practice!

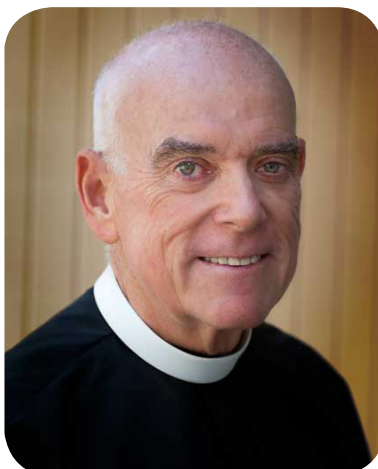
That's tough. I'm not a patient person by nature and this means I get to practice a lot. Standing in a long queue for anything makes me vibrate with frustration, and sitting in standstill traffic often leads me to mutter non-pastoral words under my breath.

I've had to really bear down on the patience thing in those situations, remembering that I'm not in control of everything - an ontological reality of which I need constant reminding.

The real problem, however, is that my impatience spills over into the pastorate. I have learned that when I'm impatient with the little things in life, then it's no wonder that I'm impatient when it comes to the church.

Eugene Peterson the creator of the "Message," calls impatience the "besetting sin" of most pastors. We have a goal and a plan in mind for the church: we're going to fill it with people; we're going to preach five-step plans to get people to be better

Christians; and we're going to change the world. All of these are lofty goals, but Peterson reminds us that, in reality, pastoring a church is "slow, slow work" because bringing people (and ourselves) into following God's will for our lives takes a long time.



When we lack the patience to lean in for the long haul, we are prone to take shortcuts and use any means available to boost the metrics that look good to the membership and our organizations. We might be building the church, but we're not actually changing anyone's life for the kingdom.

Church historian Alan Kreider has done an intriguing study of the nature of the rapid growth of the early church in its first four centuries titled, *The Patient Ferment of the Early Church*.

Interestingly, the catalyst for that growth had little to do with the things the church impatiently works at today: evangelism strategies, attractive and "relevant" worship services, better facilities and more programs. Instead, Kreider points out that the number one driver of the church's expansion had to do with patience - forming people who would be so obedient to Christ and so reflective of his character that they would be attractive to their pagan neighbors.

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# Vestry Update

Greetings from your Vestry. We have been busy as St. Bart's transitions from our summer programs into a vital, robust and busy church year. You will see that we are transitioning from our summer "experiment" in service bulletins back to the more traditional bulletins with more information. Please let us know what you think!

The choir and music ministry under the direction of Nathan Costa is back in full swing and we hope you will enjoy, appreciate and be inspired by this ministry, which is so important to St. Bart's. We are also very excited that John Prust has taken over all youth ministry as Director of Religious Education and, along with our Sunday School staff, will be providing an exciting and inspiring curriculum for our youth.

The Vestry met for our regularly scheduled meeting on September 20. As is always the case, we opened with a discussion of a chapter in "Christianity for the Rest of Us". This month Karen Tansey-Becerra led us in discussing "Testimony". Our main discussion item was a presentation by Mark Davis. For the last year a small group has been meeting to discern and discuss the facility needs of St. Bart's as we grow into the future. Mark's firm, Vasquez Marshall Architects, has very generously offered to assist us in imagining changes to St. Bart's campus to provide needed updates and improvements in many areas. As a result, we have achieved a good start on a campus master plan that, with God willing, will help guide us as we take a step-by-step systematic approach to campus changes that will both improve our worship experience but also bring some very old buildings up to code and in compliance. Some changes will come to fruition and some won't, but the key is to start the discussion and collaborate together in achieving our vision.

Last month we described how we participated in the Mutual Ministry Review (MMR) and are now living into some of the findings. The item that has been occupying our time in the last few weeks has been the determination of the top 3 or 4 results from the question, "In terms of serving Christ's purpose, what one thing should be addressed at St. Bartholomew's in the next 12 months?" After receiving input from all Vestry members, we have decided on the following short-term goals:

- Improve communication with Vestry/Leadership team and Parish
- Define and expand outreach and in-reach
- Ensure St. Bart's has the ability for continued growth and expansion
- A clear inspirational message of where we're going, why, what it's going to take, where we are now, and what more is needed to get there

In the coming months we will be working on these goals. In concert with our Strategic Plan Pillar leaders, we will develop specific actions and steps to ensure that all we do is reflective of these goals.

Finally, as proposed by and upon the recommendation of the Financial Committee, we voted to amend the "Gift Acceptance Policy and Disposition of Bequests" so that all "Undesignated Bequests" will be transferred 90% to the Endowment Fund and 10% to the Outreach Fund. This action is very much in keeping with our stated goal to move toward providing 10% of our budget to outreach.

We hope that you all enjoyed St. Bart's Day on August 27. With great direction from Lisa Dumolt, Vestry members worked in set-up, food prep, grill-masters, and clean up. We want to thank all who attended. If you have any ideas for next year's celebration, please pass it on to one of us.

One of the key objectives of our Strategic Plan is "the eradication of Biblical illiteracy". We hope that you are able to participate in the varied and exciting Bible studies being offered by our Clergy this fall. We have about 130 people attending various classes. We hope you will take advantage of this great opportunity to learn more about the Bible.

The Vestry has also been busy working with the Strategic Plan Pillar Leaders. Each Vestry member is assigned as to a Pillar to assist as necessary, offer support and bring concerns from Pillar members back to Vestry. As you can see, we need more Parishioners to step up to leadership positions to help us continue to bring the Strategic Plan to life. Many have worked very hard to create and define the structure of the Strategic Plan. And many more are working to ensure we are following the plan and keeping it in mind in everything we do. Having a plan is great. Living a plan is better. If you have the time and the calling, we'd love to have you join us in not only ensuring that the plan is a living, breathing document, but also in getting new, fresh ideas to help us grow and thrive.

If you have questions or comments for the Vestry, contact:

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# The AAA Pastor?

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It's where that famous first century saying about Christians comes from. "You will know they are Christians by how they love."

In other words, it was all about forming the habits of the people rather than forming larger churches.

Imagine a church, for example, where Evangelism wasn't about knocking on doors or having a better website, but rather about forming intentional Christians living in close proximity to others and demonstrating the Christian life in such a way that the neighbors were intrigued.

Church leaders didn't focus so much on imparting knowledge about the Bible and theology to their people, but, rather, were more concerned about whether their people were actually living in the way of Christ.

The tools to effect this change were knowing the Word, expository preaching and living by a rule of life

It wasn't about counting the number of people in the church as much as it was counting how much of Christ and the Spirit had gotten into the church's people.

Our church leadership ancestors were a patient lot, and it was their patient work with people over a long period of time that

influenced the culture around them. After Constantine (312ce), however, the church began to adopt the impatient strategies and metrics of the secular world, and the exponential growth that characterized the early church began to slow as people and their leaders became more enamored with volume than vitality.

Today, the world looks at the church and doesn't see much difference between themselves and we Christians. Just ask the Nones (No religious affiliation). Religious "nones" are not only growing as a share of the U.S. population, but they are becoming more secular over time by a variety of measures, a fact that also is helping to make the U.S. less religious, according to surveys done as part of our Religious Landscape Study.

So what's the punchline? There I go being impatient again. Maybe it's time for us to pray for patience again, and not be afraid to exercise it when it comes to leading our churches.

In a world where Christianity is being pushed to the margins, we have an opportunity to re-adopt the patient strategy of the early church. We can learn to be patient leaders who are in it for the long haul.

It just takes practice and I need a lot of it! What do you think?  
~Rev. William Zettinger

## Here Is a Better Way!

Bill and Jane were excited by the many well-planned outreach programs at St. Bart's. They felt that an increased contribution could help increase these programs. By increasing their pledge or with a new special contribution, the outreach programs could be enhanced. They both wondered what would be a worth-while approach.

They had a stock valued at \$50,000. The stock was worth \$10,000 when they purchased it several years ago. If they sold the stock, there would be a \$40,000 gain and they would have to pay \$12,000 in tax, based on a 30% tax. They could then give the \$38,000 to the church. Was there a better way?

Their advisor said yes. They could give the stock directly to the church and no taxes would have to be paid because of this transaction. In addition, because of the charitable contribution, they would receive an income tax deduction. The advisor also said that they could make either a full or partial contribution of the stock, and benefits would be based upon the size of the gift. Here is a summary that their advisor gave them:

Comparison of gift assuming \$50,000 of stock and a 30% Tax\*

<b>Cost or Benefit</b>	<b>Sell the Stock</b>	<b>Gift the Stock</b>
Bill and Jane pay tax of	\$12, 000	\$0
Church receives	\$38,000	\$50,000
Tax deduction to Bill & Jane	\$38,000	\$50,000
Tax Savings to Bill & Jane	\$11,800	\$15,000

\*Stock must have been held for over one year. Other appreciated assets may also work. Rather than one single gift, Bill and Jane could increase their pledge and gift the stock over a series of years. Please contact your tax and legal professionals concerning your own situation.

If you have questions about this or any other matter related to Planned Giving, such as updating your will or trust, please contact Pat Blair, patshome@sbcglobal.net, or Chris Harris, 858-487-2159.

# Ministry Spotlight: Altar Guild

Ephesians 4:23: Be made new in the attitude of your mind.

Some people embrace change, but truthfully - most don't. I think most of us would prefer to settle in and get comfortable. When I first joined the Altar Guild ministry I felt comfortable in the routine, and the sameness of setting the altar. There was a feeling of meditation and quiet sameness.

But changes came to what we do each weekend, a little here and a little there. With these changes came a feeling of frustration for most of us. My feeling of meditation quickly changed to: "please Lord, don't let me forget something!"

However, Ephesians tells us to "be made new in the attitude of your mind." Yes, we prefer to be comfortable. But a lack of change can lead to stagnation or decay. How often have you heard someone say "we have always done it that way?" Change brings growth and forward movement!

God knows it is difficult for us to accept change, but he asks us to be grateful for it and to trust him in it. He is always there with us when change comes our way. He does not look for mistakes. We can be grateful that when the world seems to be spinning out of control, we know God's presence is still there.

Lord, help us all to quiet our minds, refusing to give into a rush of troubling thoughts and images as change happens. Allow us to focus on you as we offer our capable hands to your service. Amen."

If you are interested in learning more about the ministry of the Altar Guild, please contact Patty Fuqua, [pfuqua6@gmail.com](mailto:pfuqua6@gmail.com), or Nancy Peterson, [naninsan@gmail.com](mailto:naninsan@gmail.com).

~Carla Morrissey

## Our Outreach in Haiti: An Update

In a recent sermon, Rev. Mark highlighted the role of Malala in the fight for education, especially for girls. In a talk at the Global Citizen Festival last September, her words were inspirational.

*Let us walk together, join this movement, to make this not just a better, but the best, place to live, where education is given to every child. Education is hope, education is peace, education is a basic human right. Will you stand with me? Malala Yousafzai*

As the St. Bartholomew's community enters into a partnership with Fr. Noe, an Episcopal priest in Haiti, our focus will be on education. We can help provide primary school education for 200-400 students in the rural Haitian community of Lorantave. Our presence in Haiti will also help raise our awareness of global social issues and give us a better appreciation for the education that we have for our children.

Why is an Episcopal school needed? First, only about 50% of children attend school in Haiti (World Bank). Of those who attended primary schools, 30% will not make it to third grade and 60% will abandon school before the sixth grade (UNICEF 2008). Also, public schools are limited and over 90% of education are provided by private schools, similar to the Episcopal schools that Fr. Noe has built and continues to build in Haiti.

Why is a new school building needed? Basically, there is no school building right now. Currently the students and teachers

meet under a 600 square-foot makeshift tent. In this tiny school, 200 children attend classes. We will be building sustainable cement structure which will accommodate 300-400 students



**Current School**



**Similar School Being Built**

for school and will serve as the first community building in the town. When the school is built it will also provide access to water and latrines for the community and will offer a shelter for the community members when poor weather threatens their homes.

### How much will the school cost? How can I donate funds?

The costs for a new school will be \$65,000. As of September 26, we have raised \$15,000. Please, visit our Haiti site to learn more or to make a contribution at [www.stbartschurch.org/haiti](http://www.stbartschurch.org/haiti). If you would prefer to write a check or donate cash, please note that it is for the Haiti Fund.

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# Wings Like Eagles: St. Bart's Youth Retreat

St. Bart's Youth Retreat on St. Bart's Day weekend was an awesome experience for everyone involved. Nearly thirty youth and one-dozen adult leaders spent up to 24-hours diving into the Gospel with great talks and meaningful conversation, fun games and icebreakers, community service, delicious meals and powerful faith-filled stories.

Some of the highlights included music with our new and upcoming youth band, being served lunch by our clergy (and learning all about the origin of pizza from Rev. Bill), learning and serving at St. Bart's Thrift Store on Poway Road, and a powerful midnight (ok, it was a 10:30 p.m.) service at the cross on the hill. The retreat ended perfectly, with the youth at the altar witnessing and sponsoring Danny Shao in his baptism at the 10:15 a.m. service.

Thank you everyone who helped plan and carry out our Youth Retreat. I am so grateful for the dedication of our youth team, clergy, and folks from the wider Episcopal family who gave of their time and talent to our youth. It was truly a community effort! I look forward to seeing how this experience continues to bear fruit for the Kingdom throughout the year.

-John Prust, DRE



I attended the St. Bart's Youth Retreat and had a wonderful time. I seriously enjoyed all the activities we did and songs we sang, but a few things really stood out for me. For community service, we went to the Thrift Shop on Poway Road. We learned about the numerous charities the profits are dispersed to as well as how the shop runs. My favorite part was using the tagging gun to attach prices to the clothing! I've signed up to work one shift a month because of this experience with the youth group.

Another favorite from every lock-in is our nightly trips up to the cross. It's very humbling and peaceful up there, especially at a late hour. We sang songs, had a talk from Father Mark and shared communion.

I really enjoyed meeting new people at the retreat and made some new friends that I have talked to on nearly a daily basis ever since. Overall this was an enjoyable, loving and memorable experience.

-Hanna Hagshenas

During the last weekend of August most of our St. Bart's Youth Group attended a retreat called Wings like Eagles. The retreat spanned a Saturday and Sunday. During this exciting time, we all sung, played games (including a huge capture the flag game) and had a few talks about life and the Bible. One thing I did not know about St. Bart's that I learned was that we have a thrift store down on Poway Road, and that teens as young as 13 can assist there! The songs we sang were fun because we had people playing instruments too. We had Alex on the guitar, Danny on the Ukulele, Barath on the drum and many other people playing other assorted instruments. As for the games, we played Mafia, an aforementioned one-hour capture the flag game across the whole church, and quite a few exciting icebreaker games. Yet another exciting activity we performed was using the prayer stations. These prayer stations included making rosaries, coloring, meditation, and more. Overall, the weekend was a great experience for everyone who went!

-Miles Jones





# Many Thanks to Fall Auction Volunteers & Donors

Successful activities at St. Bart's require the vision and commitment of many. We'd like to thank all the Fall Auction Volunteers and Auction Donors for their time and generosity.

Auction Chairs: Christine Spencer-Escobar and Nancy Walters

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## Around St. Bart's



Soon-to-be-Priest Mary Lynn with Bishop Marty and Dean Markham in Fr. Mark's office prior to her ordination.

Rev. Mary Lynn Coulson was ordained at St. Bartholomew's on Saturday, September 24. Bishop Martin (Marty) Field of Missouri presided.



Dean Markham, Mary Lynn and Bishop Marty.



She's a priest! Mother Mary Lynn Coulson after her ordination.



# Regular Meetings

## SUNDAY

### **Interfaith Community Services (ICS) - Merle's Place**

4-6 p.m. on the first and third Sunday of the month.

Contact Jill Henderson at 760-807-8445.

### **Daughters of the King**

Third Sunday at 9:15 a.m., Room 3E

## MONDAY

### **Boy Scouts:**

7 p.m., Parish Hall

### **Health and Wellness Ministry:**

First Monday at 6:30 p.m., Education Building, Room 3AB

### **Hand Bell Choir**

Mondays, 7 p.m., Choir Room

## TUESDAY

### **Centering Prayer:**

5 p.m., Education Building, Room 3AB

### **The Prayers and Squares Quilt Ministry:**

Tuesdays (except fifth Tuesday) at 6:30 p.m., Quilt Room

## WEDNESDAY

### **Interfaith Community Services (ICS):**

Serve breakfast, fourth Wednesday at 6:00 a.m.

Contact Denny Walters at 760-432-8518.

### **Thrift Shop Work Night:**

Last Wednesday at 4:00 p.m., Thrift Shop

### **Schola**

Wednesdays, 5:15 p.m., Choir Room

### **String Ensemble**

Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Choir Room

## THURSDAY

### **Book Guild:**

Fourth Thursday, 1:00 p.m., Conference Room

### **B.P.U.S.A. - Bereaved Parents:**

Fourth Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Conference Room

### **P.A.S.S. - Parent Advocates Seeking Solutions:**

Third Thursday, 7 p.m., South Parish Hall

### **Choir**

Thursdays, 7 p.m., Music Room

## AA MEETINGS:

Sundays, 6 p.m. - Conference Room

Mondays, 9:30 a.m. - Parish Hall (Women only)

Tuesdays, 12 p.m. - South Parish Hall

Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. - South Parish Hall (Women only)

Wednesdays, 12 p.m. - South Parish Hall

Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m. - Parish Hall

Thursdays, 12 p.m. - South Parish Hall (Beginners)

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# Office Hours

Monday through Thursday  
 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
 Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

# Clergy and Staff

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## Our Outreach in Haiti: Meet Fr. Noe

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What type of ongoing support and engagement do we expect? There are two main sources of engagement with the Epiphany school in Lorannette. First, we want to build a relationship where parishioners will visit and work with the local community. Initially, we will help build a school and later we will be working together to learn from each other. Second, we need to provide ongoing financial support for the school. While a tuition of \$10/year will be requested from parents, only about 50% of the families will be able to afford the tuition. Tuition will not cover the full costs of the school. We will provide about \$12-15,000 per year for ongoing support to pay teachers, buy school supplies and feed the children each day.

### Key Dates to learn more about Haiti

Friday, October 7, 5:30-7:30 p.m.:

Join us for a fundraising party with Fr. Noe. Feel free to invite your friends and family. An invitation postcard was mailed to all parish members. If you'd like to attend, but misplaced the invitation, contact the church office at (858) 487-2159.

Saturday, October 8 & Sunday, October 9:

Attend church services to break bread with Fr. Noe and to hear his perspective of the educational needs of Haiti

Sunday, October 9, 9am Forum:

Join us for a discussion with Fr. Noe

October 12, 7:30 p.m.:

Attend a meeting to discuss an upcoming mission trips in 2017.

### How can you help?

Learn more about it and become an advocate, join a ministry team in Haiti, pray for Epiphany School and the Lorannette Community and/or make a donation to help build a new school.

Donate at [www.stbartschurch.org/haiti](http://www.stbartschurch.org/haiti)

~Kate McKone-Sweet

