

# The Good News

*"Using God's gifts to reach God's people, preach God's Word, teach God's Love."*

## **Coming Soon...**

### **July 4-**

Food Pantry openó 10:00AMó  
12:30PM  
4th of July Potluck Picnicó 10:30AM

### **July 5-**

Church office closed in observance  
of the 4th of July holiday.

### **July 18-**

Food Pantry openó 10:00AMó  
12:30PM  
Vestry Meetingó 10:30AM

### **July 20-**

Merry Widowsó 1:00PM  
Location TBD

### **August 1-**

Food Pantry openó 10:00AMó  
12:30PM

### **August 15-**

Food Pantry openó 10:00AM-  
12:30PM  
Vestry Meetingó 10:30AM

### **August 17-**

Merry Widowsó 1:00PM  
Location TBD

## **From Fr. Burkett...**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We are about halfway through the calendar for 2010, and we are once again in the repetition of an historical pattern. The Pentecost season is new, but the patterns that we know, as we have ritually come to expect, are familiar and subject to the liturgical rhythm of our practice in faith. The Lectionaries for Sunday and the Daily Office continue to cycle through and present, to any of us who contemplate them, an opportunity to reconsider and find new truth to listen and respond to. Our collects and prayers direct us to new means of ministering in and to the world. And our community, in its consistency, is called to growth and outreach through the same love and Godly grace that brought us into being in the first place.

Unfortunately however, some of our habits desperately need to change. And for us in this parish, that specifically refers to how we have come to understand our responsibility to stewardship and our willingness to be complacently dependent on the legacy of those who previously chose to live into that call. We are again, finding it necessary to withdraw from our generous endowment, as we regularly must do at about this time each year. We are once again choosing to do what we know that we should not do, because we are unable or unwilling to change. And since our lack of intention cannot be attributed to ignorance (with the weekly publication of our finances now being incorporated into our bulletin), we must assume that we will need to take intentional alternative action if we are going to break the pattern.

I pray that we all have a commitment to evangelism that is separate from and independent of our fiscal need to increase revenue. However it would be disingenuous to say that the two are not connected. The fact is that the more that we grow, the more that we are likely to be supported by our members. There is strength in numbers relative to both the mission and the institutional structure that we belong to. And what we commit to in evangelism will always relate to the overall health of this parish. Although the number of evangelism pledge cards that we have been blessed to receive each year has continued to be quite small, I trust that we all do actually understand that evangelism is central to our faith (as it is referred to in the Great Commission) and not something that we can optionally do as true practicing Christians. We are called to bring people to Christ. And to not endeavor to do that is fundamentally foreign to our faith.

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The Fourth of July falls on a Sunday this year, so we'll be celebrating with some patriotic hymns and follow the service with a potluck picnic in the Parish Hall. Bring your favorite picnic specialty to share at coffee hour. Mark your calendars and start your day on "The Fourth" here at St. Bart's.

*(The church office will be closed on Monday July 5th in observance of the Fourth of July Holiday.)*

***Do we have your email address?***

As the church office communicates more and more through email, we want to make sure that we have everyone's email address.

If you have an active email address and would like to receive our weekly email and any other special updates, please contact Liz in the church office at 727-867-7015 and we'll be sure to add your email address to our list.

Of course, if your "snail mail" address has changed, let us know that as well so that we can keep our mailing list current.

# Time to CELEBRATE!

## July



BLESSINGS  
ON YOUR  
BIRTHDAY

- 2 Bill Maddox
- 3 Lynne Clayton
- 5 Jo Smith
- Bill Sturtz
- 20 John Granger
- 21 Betty Moran
- Paul Kivuva
- Theresa Dodd
- 24 Gloria Eichles
- 27 Darrell Springer
- 30 Virginia Smith
- Shireen Granger
- 31 Ed Johnson

## August



BLESSINGS  
ON YOUR  
BIRTHDAY

- 1 Vicki Haywood
- 7 Elsie Taylor
- 8 Dave Varga
- 9 Britta Spanke
- 13 Phoebe Copes
- 14 Patty Burkett
- 15 Kenneth Teschendorf
- 16 Anne Ritter
- 18 Bernice Kivuva
- 19 Charles Burgess
- 23 E'Loise Davis
- 25 Gwen Schmidt
- 27 Nancy Knuckey
- Bob Setzer
- 28 Bud Van Sciver



- 2 Ross and Joan Brock
- 8 Chris and Julie Wenzel
- 10 Ken and Jo Smith
- 12 John and Shireen Granger
- 19 Ted and Ruth Bowman



- 12 Bill and Wendy Maddox
- 22 Richard and Sandy Sumner

*From Fr. Burkett ... continued from Page 1...*

But, in addition to the evangelism that we are all called to, we have available avenues of stewardship that we have carefully considered for quite some time and, that now it seems we are obliged to pursue. Consequently over the next year we will aggressively move to employ our property as a means to fiscally support the mission that we are here to do. This will necessarily require that we accommodate environmentally to the change. Building space will be different. What we have become accustomed to will, in many cases, no longer be what we can continue to expect, and we will need to adjust. It will be a difficult thing for some of us to do and, for those of us who tolerate change more easily, it will be necessary for us to be both understanding and sensitive to the trauma that this can bring to our brothers and sisters in Christ. However, we will be operating differently, and not doing so is not, and will not be, an option. Our parish community cannot continue to do what is essentially irresponsible by choosing to ignore the fiscal realities that we face while having the potential resources to remedy the problems.

In the coming months we will be more able to be knowledgeable and specific as to what we can expect. In the mean time, I would like to facilitate the process by helping us all to be properly prepared. Change will come, but it does not need to be unexpected, nor does it need to be anticipated negatively. It is, in fact, very fortunate that we have the resources that can permit us to be so adaptively versatile.

Give thanks for how we have been so graciously blessed with what we materially need to be both healthy and vibrant. With God's guidance and grace we can use these blessings wisely and innovatively, with charity and love. Prepare prayerfully, and make ready to seize the opportunity to bring the world to Christ by joyfully living as his Body in the here and the now through the ministry of good stewardship, and invite the world to lovingly do the same.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Yours in Christ,

The Reverend W. V. Burkett, Rector

Fr. Al Montalto first came to St. Bart $\phi$ s about three years ago after retiring from his ministry in New York due to the onset of Parkinson's Disease. He had visited Florida numerous times over the years and decided that a move to Florida would be desirable. He had several friends living in St. Pete, so he found a home here and soon after, became a member of St. Bart $\phi$ s.

Fr. Al is one of three children. His brother, Ron, still resides in New York and his sister, Shirley, lives in Cocoa Beach. His father worked for IBM and his Mom was a librarian. She just turned 90 years old not long ago and now lives in an assisted living facility in Merritt Island, not too far from Shirley. Fr. Al was born in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. on September 9, 1943.

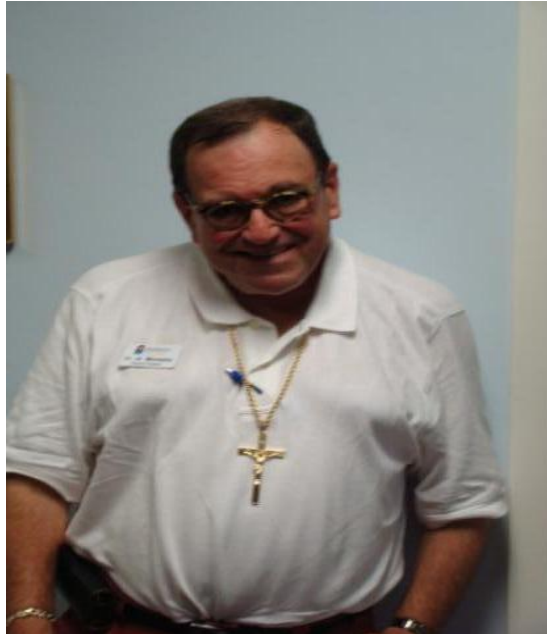
As a child, Fr Al loved to read and also enjoyed writing. He was a member of the basketball team in high school and college but he also had an ear for music. He played the clarinet and was a member of his high school band. He later played with the Hudson Valley Philharmonic and on at least two occasions had the honor of serving as orchestra director. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English Literature with a minor in philosophy and holds a Masters Degree in History, cum laude, from Marist College, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. He received a Masters of Sacred Theology from Berkeley Divinity School, and a Masters of Divinity from Yale Divinity School, both at Yale University, New Haven, CT. Both summa cum laude. He later served parishes in Connecticut, New Hampshire and Westchester County, N.Y., before becoming Rector of The Church of Good Shepherd in the Bronx, N.Y. In this regard, he had asked for this assignment after hearing that the church membership had decreased significantly and thought he might be able to assist. His initial assignment was for three years but he remained for 13 years and, during that time, membership went from 14 people to 200 families.

He is presently working (on-line) on his Doctorate Degree in Theology through Yale Univer-

sity. When asked about expected completion, he said he is presently writing a book on the future of the church and this is expected to serve as the final dissertation for the degree. Regarding his book, Fr. Al envisions to return to the olden days when small clusters of people would gather for spiritually focused fellowship.

Fr. Al has also served on the boards of directors for several schools, Pepsico International, and the Boy Scouts of America. He received a Citizen of the Year Award from Mayor Giuliani of New York City for spearheading a move for fair housing in the city and was nominated to receive an Honorary Doctorate Degree from Yale University for excellence in Ministry.

Since moving to St. Pete, he has served on the Literary Council for persons with reading/writing difficulties and also is a spiritual advisor for AA which meets at St. Bart $\phi$ s once a week. Fr. Al celebrated the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood last Dec 20th.



Over the years, Fr. Al has traveled, including to Europe, Russia, Japan, and Hawaii. His favorite place of all is Budapest, Hungary, the Pearl of the Danube. He says here the architecture is breathtaking and the people are very friendly. He also continues to enjoy his love of the

arts, including classic rock music, the opera and symphony.

Since arriving at St. Bart $\phi$ s, Fr. Al has been named as Retired Assistant Clergy to Fr. Bill and has participated in numerous services. Though this writer wasn't in attendance, I understand that not too long ago, he delivered a memorable sermon on the understanding of love and the congregation gave him a round of applause afterwards. To quote Fr. Al, "I cannot think of anything else I would have wanted to do with my life than to serve our Lord".

We continue to pray with Fr Al for his continued improvement as he undergoes treatment for cancer. By Marty Potter w/Fr Al

## Choir News

After a successful choir year, the choir is now on summer leave (although I am hoping to have a choir for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July) and will resume in late September to begin rehearsing for choral services, due to begin on the first Sunday of October. Before the Michaelmas Term begins, however, they will be joining the choir of St. Thomas in a Retreat at DaySpring on September 18<sup>th</sup>. The Retreat will be led by the current Organist/Choirmaster, Simon Morley, of St. John's Episcopal Church in Tampa. We are fortunate to have him as you will see from his bio. He will work with the choirs on choral vocal technique and a few anthems common to both choirs. I am very excited about it! After the workshop, the choirs will have access to the DaySpring facilities such as the canoes, grounds, rope course, etc. Six of us have elected to stay overnight in one of the cabins as well.

*Simon Morley* was born in Gloucestershire, southwest England in 1964, he received his first organ lessons from John Belcher at St. Peter's Church in Bournemouth, and was appointed to his first position as organist at the age of twelve. Appointed Assistant Organist of Wimborne Minster in 1983, he gained his first exposure to the rich heritage of the Anglican choral tradition which stretches back nearly a thousand years - the Minster Choir consisting of twenty boys and twelve semi-professional men.

In 1986, he won a place at Trinity College of Music in London, where for four years he would study organ performance with Christopher Stokes at St Margaret's Church, Westminster. During his time at Trinity, he performed the Poulenc Organ Concerto with the Trinity College Symphony Orchestra, as well as giving numerous recitals in London and beyond. He was awarded the coveted Cardnell Organ Prize for organ performance, and was made a Fellow of the college in 1990.

In 1988, Mr. Morley was appointed Organ Scholar of Westminster Abbey under Dr. Martin Neary and Andrew Lumsden, a position which he held for two years, combining studies at Trinity with responsibilities at the Abbey. Those responsibilities included accompanying the Abbey Choir regularly for daily evensong, as well as taking part in many important national occasions for which the Abbey is well known.

In 1990, Simon Morley was appointed Assistant Organist of Truro Cathedral, a position he was to occupy for ten very happy years. As well as playing the organ for all statutory services, he accompanied the choir in numerous radio and television broadcasts, and appears as accompanist and director on many CDs recorded by the choir. He also recorded two solo CDs on the renowned Willis organ of Truro Cathedral, as well as finding time to teach at both Truro School, and Truro High School for Girls. He is a past president of the Cornwall Organists Association.

In 2000, Simon Morley moved to Lincoln Cathedral, one of the largest cathedrals in England, where he was asked to take primary responsibility for the Girl Choristers, who made their first BBC broadcast under his direction in 2001. Playing highlights included the distribution of the Royal Maundy (at both Truro and Lincoln) in the presence of Her Majesty The Queen, to whom Mr Morley was presented after the service.

Simon Morley has given recitals on four continents, as well as performing the major organ concertos of Poulenc and Saint-Saens on many occasions, most recently with the Band of Her Majesty's Lifeguards. Recent playing engagements have taken him to South Africa, Switzerland, Austria and Italy (St. Marks, Venice), and he was the first English organist to be invited to play in St. Tropez, on the French Riviera. He has taken the choir of St. John's on a very successful tour to San Francisco.

He is passionate about aviation, and was fortunate to be able to make one of the final flights from London to New York on board Concorde!

## *Vestry Notes*

The Vestry met on May 16, 2010.

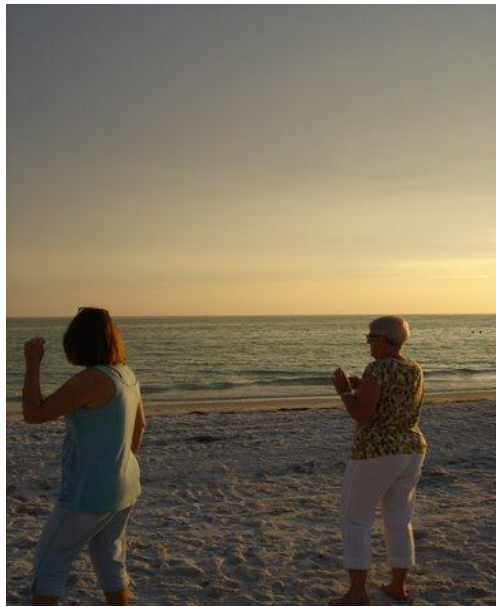
- The Treasurer's report included discussion regarding the possibilities for income for the church, which included; the land, the Bidwell Building, and the use of the church for weddings.
- Fr. Burkett also suggested that the land parcel could be used for a community garden.
- There was discussion regarding the items required in order to rent the land for boat and RV storage. It was decided to test advertise on Craig's List, eBay, the Times, and the Gabber. A suggested price of \$50 and \$25 for each additional axle was made.
- Ron Clayton will list the Bidwell Building with a realtor for possible rental use. The motion was made to list the Bidwell Building with a realtor and the motion passed.
- Fr. Burkett reported to the Vestry the progress on the development of a Christian Counseling Ministry.
- Door hangers were given to the Vestry for distribution.
- Nancy Knuckey reported that the number of clients for the food pantry has declined. Agencies will need to be contacted again to remind them that we have a food pantry.
- One of our palm trees in the garden was lost to disease. Steve Giles was contacted for its removal.
- Jerry Knight told the Vestry about the replacement of the framing around the windows on the North and front sides of the church building. Jim Del Bene will see to the painting of the new wood.
- New computers are needed for Liz in the church office and for Fr. Burkett. Fr. Bill will use his honorariums to help supplement that cost.



**Mark your calendars to join us on  
October 22nd  
for a Bluegrass Show!**

**More details will be  
available soon.**

# What a wonderful trip the Choir had to the Summerø home in Anna Maria!









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*“ A church that respects the dignity  
of every human being.”*



*“Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing  
them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of  
the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I  
have commanded you. And surely I am with you al-  
ways to the very end of the age”*

*Matthew 28; 19-20*

***Flowers and Candles***

Anyone wishing to give flowers for the Altar for Sundays, Altar candles for the month, or the Sanctuary Candle for the week should fill out the form below and drop it in the offering plate or mail it to the Church Office. They can be given as a memorial, to celebrate a special occasion, or for blessings received. Any amount that you wish to give is welcomed for the flowers. Altar candles for the month are \$10.00, and the Sanctuary Candle is \$5.00 a week.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle One) Flowers/Candles/Sanctuary Candle given in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle One) Flowers/Candles/Sanctuary Candle given in celebration of \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle One) Flowers/Candles/Sanctuary Candle given for blessings received \_\_\_\_\_

Date for giving Flowers \_\_\_\_\_

Date for giving Candles/Sanctuary Candle \_\_\_\_\_