

## CHRISTMASTIDE

**Thursday, December 24**

Christmas Eve Services 5 pm  
and 8 pm

Receptions to follow each

service in the Parish Hall

Special Music Program 7:30 pm

**Friday, December 25**

Christmas Day Service 9 am

### SCHEDULE OF CELEBRANTS

**December 6, Advent II**

The Rev. Dr. Sara Maypole

**December 13, Advent III**

The Rev. Sathi Bunyan

**December 20, Advent IV**

The Rev. Bob Davidson

**December 24, Christmas Eve**

The Rev. Bob Davidson

**December 25, Christmas Day**

The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Wills

**December 27, Christmas I**

The Rev. Bob Davidson

## THE VESTRY

**The Rev. Seth Richmond, Rector**

**Merle Moore, Sr. Warden**

**Ray Gibson, Jr. Warden**

**Kay Lawson, Clerk**

**Joe Adair**

**John Breed**

**Peg Daley**

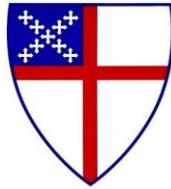
**Skip Hyde**

**Robert Trumbull**

**Carl Van Hess**

**Rick Whitcomb**

**Michael Willborn, Treasurer**



# Parish Church of St. Bartholomew the Apostle

## THE VIEW

Mike Headley, Editor

December, 2015

### Your Senior Warden Writes...

I presume most of you have noticed the rather imposing figure of a man who has been assisting at the altar for the past few months. Many of you probably know his name; Richard "Scott" McReynolds. Some of you may even be aware of his interest in becoming a Deacon in the Episcopal Church. Fewer of you may be familiar with the process one must go through to achieve that goal. Scott, at the invitation of Fr. Seth, is presently engaged in the first step of the process: becoming involved in a parish located in the diocese in which one wishes to be ordained. It is a way to get to know the church leadership as well as members of the congregation.

Born in Wichita, KS, Scott is the oldest of 5 children. His father was a truck driver and his mother was a stay-at-home-mom. In 1967, his father accepted an offer to buy a trucking company in Buena Vista and the family moved to Colorado. Scott loved Buena Vista where he and his brother fished, rode their bikes over the dusty streets, played baseball, and went tubing in Cottonwood Creek. In 1968, the family moved again, to Broomfield where Scott graduated from Broomfield High School in 1973. His skill as a football player earned him a full-ride scholarship to Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva, Oklahoma. Scott's "life went dark for a while" and he "dropped off the grid so to speak," leaving NOSU without graduating.

During this period he was sustained by his family and a deep faith in Jesus Christ. A personal "spiritual experience" changed his life in April, 1987, and in 1991 he enrolled at Metropolitan State College in Denver. Working the graveyard

## Your Senior Warden Writes, continued

shift at Longmont United Hospital in their Psychiatric Unit, he put himself through school, graduating in May, 1995 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Services with an emphasis in Drug Addiction.

Scott worked as a substance abuse counselor for Boulder County Public Health Addiction Recovery Center for 14 years, helping to develop and co-facilitate the Intensive Teen Outpatient Program. Focusing on youth ages 14 to 17, clients were either referred to his program through probation, parole, or the Boulder County Department of Social Services. He took his program into schools, lecturing on the effects of addiction to junior and high school students and in informal classroom settings where he talked with students and answered their questions about addiction. Developing a private practice, "Liminal Counseling," he decided to enroll at the University of Phoenix and graduated with a Master's Degree in Organizational Management in the fall of 2005. He worked for 8 years as a primary counselor at the Harmony Foundation in Estes Park and, more recently for the Colorado Department of Corrections as a Health Professional II on a Therapeutic Community Unit at the Denver Women's Correctional Facility. He is now Clinical Director of the Choice Recovery House in Louisville, CO.

It was at The Church of the Holy Comforter in Broomfield that Scott first became interested in going into the ministry. A variety of "life events" (a divorce in 2005, being a single parent to his daughter, and his mother's death in 2012), prevented him from pursuing that interest. After his mother's death, he changed churches to be with his father, bringing him full circle back to The Church of the Holy Comforter in Broomfield. Although he began his discerning process to become a Deacon in the Episcopal Church there, the process, after almost one and a half years, seemed to be going nowhere. Scott had met Michelle Cola while working at Harmony Foundation and Michelle introduced Scott to Fr. Seth. After prayerful consideration and spending time talking with Fr. Seth about either beginning the process of going to Seminary to become a priest or to continue his work as a substance abuse counselor and becoming a Deacon, he chose the latter option. Scott now realizes his life and career path have been guiding him toward making that important decision. He says past life experiences he thought had no meaning are now converging and giving clarity to his decision. If you have not already done so, I urge you to welcome Scott to St. Bart's and take some time to get to know and encourage him on his path to becoming a Deacon.

As you read further in this edition of *The View* you will find a schedule of Advent services and other events taking place during December. Please also remember to note on your personal calendars the Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, January 31, 2016 (one service at 9:30 a.m., followed by a lunch and the meeting).

If you are one of the people who normally provide a report to be included in the Annual Meeting booklet, please submit your report (preferably a digital copy) to Mike Willborn, Parish Administrator, no later than January 20.

Merle Moore, Sr. Warden

## **ECW NEWS**

Plans are underway for one of St. Bart's favorite traditions – the Christmas Eve Receptions. These gatherings provide an opportunity after each service to spend time with our parish family. Visiting family and friends are welcome. We will celebrate the good news of the birth of our Savior and share fellowship with food and beverages.

We gather in the Parish Hall after each of the Christmas Eve Services (5 p.m. or 8 p.m.). Plan to bring a sweet or appetizer to help share the Christmas cheer. Beverages (eggnog, hot cider, and more) will be provided. Come let us share our Merry Christmas wishes and Christmas hugs as well!

**HELP IS NEEDED SO PLEASE VOLUNTEER WITH SET UP OR CLEAN UP FOR EACH RECEPTION. Call Ginger Harris 970-227-0806**

The Evening Guild of the ECW will meet on Monday, December 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Please take time out of your holiday preparations (or give yourself an Advent gift of an evening of fellowship with your sisters in Christ) and join us for snacks, sharing, laughter, and most importantly, prayer. We will allocate our small "Grins and Groans" money collected this past year so bring your ideas where we might contribute. We will try to be finished by 8:30 p.m., so plan to come.

Note: The first Evening Guild meeting of 2016 will be Monday, January 4. The Epiphany celebration will be Wednesday, January 6.

## **CROP WALK UPDATE**

A big THANK YOU to all the walkers and sponsors who raised a total of \$4,300 in the CROP Walk. St Bart's walkers/sponsors raised \$1,670. Twenty-five percent of the total raised (i.e. \$1,075) will go to Crossroads to feed the hungry in Estes Park. Thank you. You are the best! Fr. Shirey

## **DAUGHTERS OF THE KING**

There will only be **one** meeting in December. It will be on Monday, December 7, at 11 a.m., at the home of Barb Headley. Her address is 1365 Deer Path Court. Plan to bring a favorite devotion to share. Questions? Call Diane Roehl, 970-577-9836

## **ST. BART'S FINEST**

The men will meet on Tuesday, December 8 at 11:20 a.m. for a late Thanksgiving/early Christmas meal. St. Bart's great chef Wayne Otto--assisted by yours truly--will present the following festive luncheon: *Starter:* Popcorn (of course) and something else. All accompanied by sorry jokes.

*Entree:* Roast turkey with stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, marvelous salad, and splendid hot rolls. *Dessert:* Ice cream with a surprise dessert. *Drinks:* Coffee, soda, wine, and beer.

If you aren't contacted by 6 p.m. Sunday, December 6, call Fr. Shirey at 970-586-0343 to RSVP.

## **ST. BART'S WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS AND PARISHIONERS**

**Robert and Jennifer Martinez** of Longmont chose to have their 7-month-old daughter **Elizabeth** baptized at St. Bart's in late September. After visiting churches in Longmont, they came to St. Bart's and found it was the right fit for them.

Robert is presently executive chef at Carelli's restaurant in Boulder. He acquired his training as a chef in the Navy and in culinary schools. Jennifer is a native of New Jersey and graduated from Rutgers. She is a buyer for Matheson Gas Products in Longmont. The couple met in MA, but decided to move to CO as Robert is a native of Greeley. Both were lucky enough to find jobs in the area at the same time. In their free time, the couple likes to visit Rocky Mountain National Park on weekends. We welcome this young family who have added one more child to our parish.

**Kendra Ryan** and her husband **Joerg Hartmann** are the parents of newly-baptized son **Cormac** who was born in February. Kendra, from Jacksonville FL, grew up in a Navy family and lived in many places. She was an engineering major at Rice University, has completed her Master's degree and is now working on her doctorate in marine science. Her area of research is off-shore wind and energy. She also served in active duty in the Navy and is a commander in the reserves at present. Prior to coming to Estes Park, she lived in Europe for much of the past 7 years. Joerg is a native of Germany. Kendra has two step-sons: Joshua, a senior at Estes Park High School and Yannik who attends college in Germany.

Kendra was raised in the Episcopal Church and was introduced to St. Bart's years ago when her parents spent time in a family cabin where Kendra and her husband now reside. Interests include hiking, rock climbing, and cycling. She is also a yoga teacher at Estes Park Yoga. We are happy she found her way to St. Bart's which she finds to be a welcoming and relaxed parish.

**Connie Clark** was first introduced to St. Bartholomew's when her parents--Jack and Helen Lungstrum--vacationed in Estes Park each summer from their residence in Salina, KS. Connie came to Fort Collins 25 years ago as a young mother of three children, all of whom were baptized at St. Bart's. Her daughter, Lexie now resides in Tyler, TX; her son Stoley is in Estes, and her daughter Lanie is a sophomore at University of Wyoming.

Connie has worked at Harmony Foundation for the past five years as a counseling tech in the women's program. Her free time pursuits include doing art work, where she can use the art degree she earned from University of Kansas. She also shows Morgan horses and acts as a labyrinth facilitator. She will soon be joining our acolyte team, for which we are very grateful.

## **As requested, this is Rev. Dr. Sarah Maypole's homily, November 15, 2015**

Last week I was shopping at Safeway and decided as long as I was there I might as well get a flu shot. So I stopped by the Pharmacy where one of the employees eyed me suspiciously before announcing they only gave regular shots and I would be needing the "more powerful" variety.

Blunt force trauma. I may fool myself when I look in the mirror, but the rest of the world sees me in all the fullness of my years. I was born three weeks before Pearl Harbor. Try that on someone under 50 and they'll look at you as though you'd announced, "I was born in the early months of the Civil War"! This morning I woke up as a 74-year-old. And it was good. Because like many of you, I am a survivor. Let's have some fun with that this morning.

First of all, we survived being born to mothers who smoked and drank (Camels and bourbon in my case) while they carried us. They took aspirin, ate Blue Cheese dressing (my mother's favorite) and didn't get tested for diabetes.

Then, after that trauma, our baby cribs were covered with bright colored lead-based paints. We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, no locks on doors or cabinets, and when we rode our bikes we had no helmets. As children, we rode in cars with no child seats, seat belts, or air bags. Riding in the back of a pick-up on a warm day was always a special treat. As it was when our Grandfather would take us out in the pasture to swim in one of the cow ponds where the cattle drank . . . and did other things.

We drank water from the garden hose and NOT from a water bottle. We shared one soft drink with four friends from one bottle, and NO ONE actually died from this. We would leave home in the morning and play all day--as long as we were back when the streetlights came on. No one was able to reach us all day and we were okay. In the winter we would spend hours sledding on streets that had been blocked off for that purpose, and after running the sleds into plenty of snow banks, we learned how to steer the darn things.

We did not have Playstations, Nintendos, or X-boxes. There were no video games, no 99 channels on cable, no video-tape movies, no play-on-demand, no surround sound, no streaming, no cell phones, no personal computers, and no Internet or Internet chat rooms--and certainly no sexting.

We had friends. We went outside and found them! We rode bikes or walked to a friend's house and knocked on the door or rang the bell, or stood in the yard and yelled for them. We made up games with sticks and tennis balls and ate worms and although we were told it would happen, we did not put out very many eyes, nor did the worms live in us forever.

There were tryouts and not everyone made the team or the cast. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment. Imagine that! The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law!

If you were born before 1945, you were born before television, penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, plastic, contact lenses, Frisbees and THE PILL. We were born before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams, and ballpoint pens. (One of my younger friends asked me what we

wrote with and I was tempted to say, "Quill pens!") Before pantyhose, dishwashers, clothes dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip-dry clothes, and before man walked on the moon.

We were born before house-husbands, day-care centers, electric typewriters, artificial hearts, and 101 varieties of yogurt. For us, "time-sharing" meant "togetherness" - not computers or condominiums. A "chip" meant a piece of wood, and "hardware" meant a hardware store. "Software" wasn't even a word.

In 1940, the term "making out" referred to how you did on your exam. Pizzas, McDonalds, and instant coffee were unheard of. Five and Dime stores were where you bought things for a nickel or ten cents. For one nickel you could ride a bus, make a phone call, buy a Pepsi, or enough stamps to mail one letter and two postcards. Gas was 11 cents a gallon.

In our day, cigarette smoking was fashionable, grass was mowed, coke was a cold drink, and pot was something you cooked food in. We were certainly not before the difference between the sexes was discovered, but we were surely before sex change; we made do with what we had. And we were the last generation who were so dumb as to think you needed a husband to have a baby!

No wonder we were so confused and there is such a generation gap today! In a world that has majored in minors, God and life and love don't rank on the list of priorities. But I'm not going to live forever. I've got another home, you know what I mean? When I get there, I know it's going to be the too-easily-dismissed qualities of faith, simple living, and genuine love that count: the light we spread around.

But we SURVIVED and what better reason could there be to celebrate?

*Grow old along with me!  
The best is yet to be,  
The last of life, for which the first was made:  
Our times are in his hand  
Who saith "A whole I planned,  
Youth shows but half;  
Trust God: see all, nor be afraid!"*

Robert Browning

## PARISH CALENDAR

### **Wednesday, December 2**

Holy Eucharist 9 am, *Rev. Bob Hector*

### **Sunday, December 6**

Holy Eucharist 8 am and 10:30 am

Adult/Youth Sunday School 9:20 am

### **Monday, December 7**

Daughters of the King 11 am

ECW Evening Guild 6:30 pm

### **Tuesday, December 8**

St. Bart's Finest Men's Brunch 11:20 am

### **Wednesday, December 9**

Holy Eucharist 9 am, *Rev. Bob Hector*

### **Sunday, December 13**

Holy Eucharist 8 am and 10:30 am.

Adult/Youth Sunday School 9:20 am

### **Wednesday, December 16**

Holy Eucharist 9 am, *Rev. Bill Shirey*

### **Sunday, December 20**

Holy Eucharist 8 am

Adult/Youth Sunday School 9:20 am

Lessons and Carols 10:30 am

### **Wednesday, December 23**

Holy Eucharist 9 am

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### **Friday, December 25**

Christmas Day Service 9 am

### **Sunday, December 27**

Holy Eucharist 8 am and 10:30 am

Adult/Youth Sunday School 9:20 am

### **Wednesday, December 30**

Holy Eucharist 9 am

*During Fr. Seth's sabbatical, if you  
have a pastoral emergency,  
please contact:*

**The Parish Administrator,  
Mike Willborn, at 970-586-4504  
(Monday through Thursday 9 am  
to 3 pm)**

**OR**

**The Senior Warden, Merle Moore,  
at 970-577-7200 or 303-877-1833**

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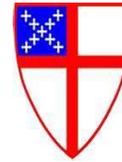
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*Come and worship with us!*

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*Mission: "Empowered by the Holy Spirit and Episcopal tradition, we celebrate the teachings of Christ through worship, service, education, stewardship, missions, and fellowship."*

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