We Wish Godspeed to Father Bert as He Begins His Sabbatical

This summer will be a time of mixed emotions at St. Mark's. We will rejoice knowing that Father Bert will have time during sabbatical to refresh and revitalize, to learn, to move closer to God and nearer to family and friends. At the same time, we will miss his spiritual leadership, his teaching, and his friendship.

The Vestry, Lay Ministry Leaders, and I are committed to ensuring that we at St. Mark's have a joyful and fruitful summer while Father Bert is away. Each Sunday, a member of the Vestry will be responsible for ensuring that worship, fellowship, and planned activities occur. We see this summer as a period of growth and renewal for us all.

We ask for God's blessing on Father Bert, Sarah, Eloise, and Oliver as they begin their sabbatical and offer up this prayer to God:

Heavenly Father, we pray, be with those who leave and with us who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Peace, Barbara Scheibner Senior Warden