



St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

Our Vision: *To see lives transformed through a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Our Mission: *To share Christ's love and His Word with our community and the world through Christ-centered outreach, worship, prayer, and biblical study.*

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The Chatter

JANUARY 2017

A BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Have you ever wondered why God has designed our world to have "new" years? Whether the year begins on January 1st or some other day, the yearly cycle of earth's time based on its rotation around the sun has been set for a reason. It points us to the truth that the Lord God Almighty is the God of the new! The Lord God declares in **Rev. 21:5**, "**Behold, I am making all things new.**" The Apostle Paul writes in Galatians, "**Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.**" The prophet Jeremiah said in **Lamentations 3:22-23**, that "**the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning!**" In heaven, there will be no time, but rather the present will always seem like a "new" day. Right now, however, we live in a world that is not just growing older but is slowly dying. Did you know that all present matter is breaking down? Do you remember what you learned in chemistry about the half-life of elements? You can tell the age of a substance by knowing the "half-life" of its elements - the time it takes for an element to be reduced by half. Take a look at your own body. It is breaking down, isn't it? While we can't reverse the aging process God does promise us a new body at the return of Christ! Christ's resurrection is not just a transformation of the spirit but of the body as well. A "new year" points us not only to the reality of God's transformational power to make all things new but to the truth that in Christ we have been forgiven. The old man has died, and the new man has come! It is a reminder to keep looking upward and reaching forward to the Lord as we move from this life of pain and sorrow to the new life of peace and joy. Only Christ can give us a new start, only He can make all things new!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Ward

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Something to think about

Are you looking to come nearer to God in the new year? Consider the following:

- * pray the day before you go to church (Friday for Saturday, Saturday for Sunday) for the services to be a time of worship, that the Holy Spirit would work mightily through the people who lead, especially the priests.
- * when you are waiting in a line talk to God about your day, and listen to God speak in your life
- * when a soloist or choir is performing listen- don't talk- and pray for them, or consider the words as a prayer to God, or pray for St. Bart's
- * pray daily for our government, including president, vice president, the cabinet, the supreme court, congress, the house of reps, they would seek God's will and guidance as they make decisions (see Romans 13:1)
- * wake up each morning and thank God for life today, asking Him to put someone in your path whom you can give help/show love and grace/share with
- * find a Bible-believing radio ministry (WDCX or Family Life radio) and commit to hearing a program each day
- * care about the people around you- cashiers, mail carriers, receptionists, the elderly, and when they tell you about a problem, say a simple prayer with them right then
- * talk to God daily about St. Bart's, and how we can reach lost souls in our community

I guarantee you will come nearer to the God of mercy and grace who loves you so much He asked His only Son to die for you!

Submitted by a parishioner of St. Bart's

PRAY for those in the ARMED FORCES

**Please keep those from our Parish Family who are serving our country in
the Armed Forces in your prayers:**

Jason Driscoll– US Army

Jason Duffy– US Army

Matthew Fildes– US Marines

James Kerins– US Army

A.J. Matteliano– US Army

Anthony Prohaska– US Marines

Matthew Prohaska– US Air Force

Andrew Rebl– US Army

Brandon Schessl– US Army

Andrew Welkley– US Air Force



**Please let the church office know if there is anyone that needs
to be added to or deleted from this prayer list.**



BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD

THANKS TO ALL WHO BAKED COOKIES FOR THE SHUT-INS. WE SENT 25 BOXES AND A TRAY FOR JIM THOMPSON'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP AT THE BRIGHTON SQUARE SENIOR APARTMENTS.

THANKS TO ALL THAT BROUGHT CHRISTMAS ITEMS FOR THE GIFT SHOP, AND TO THE CUSTOMERS, TOO. WE WILL HAVE A REPORT OF THE PROFIT IN THE FEBRUARY CHATTER.

FEBRUARY 25-26: SOUP SALE

MARCH 11: LENTEN BRUNCH. SPEAKER WILL BE FROM THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

APRIL 29: EXERCISE CLASS

JUNE 1: SPRING BANQUET



BUNDLES FOR BABIES: PLEASE BRING NEW OR GENTLY USED ITEMS TO THE GIFT SHOP AND LABEL FOR CORNERSTONE MANOR. THERE IS ALWAYS A NEED FOR THESE ITEMS. WE WILL DELIVER THEM.

THREADS OF HOPE: PLEASE BRING ANY SMALL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, LINENS, ETC., TO THE GIFT SHOP AND MARK THEM FOR CAROL SIOCK.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO DROP YOUR DASH'S TAPES IN THE BAG ON THE GIFT SHOP DOOR.





FOR YOUR INFORMATION

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Thanks to all who helped with the dinner– Darinda, Karon, Brenda and Sue for the great decorations; Sam, Gino, Bud and Miner for the great cooking; Bev and Judy for great cooking; Elijah for great set-up; and grateful to God for having the facilities to host the dinner.

David Curtis



Tuesday Night Women's Bible Study

Every other Tuesday, 6:30-8:00pm

Our mission: To grow ever closer to the Lord through a greater understanding of His Word, with study, prayer and praise, and through fellowship with our sisters in Christ.

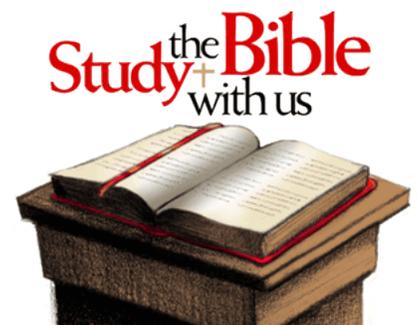
In January, we will finish our study of Couples of the Old Testament with Hosea and Gomer, Esther and King Xerxes.

Our January meetings will be January 10 and 24
(there's a phone tree in case of bad weather).

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED!! Study materials are provided. Bring your own Bible (a study Bible, if you have one) and a friend. All are welcomed for a time of study, prayer, fellowship and sharing.

Check the February Chatter for future dates.

Questions? Call Louise Jones (716) 874-0526 or





FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Prayer for our Nation: *Next meeting is Monday, January 16 at 7:00pm in the sanctuary.*

George Washington's Prayer for the United States of America:

Almighty God; We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large.

And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOOD PANTRY: 61 bags of food and personal products were donated in December. There is always a need, especially this time of year. Please continue to be as generous as you can.



Thank You.

Articles for the FEBRARY Chatter are due by January 17th.

Thank you.

January Birthdays

January 1 Heather Craig, Robert Kyser,
Deborah Ryan

January 2 Joseph Calamita

January 3 Paul Etienne

January 4 Grace Delisanti, David Morrison

January 5 Mary DeLuca, Michael Parks

January 6 George Brock, David Foster

January 7 Shirley Covella,
Nicholas Horvath, Sean MacLeay,
Margaret McCallum,
Jennifer Stoikas, Eric Weber

January 8 Thomas Crane,
Amanda Waddington

January 9 Kristen Burr, Shirley King,
Joe Vaccaro

January 10 David Curtis, Diane Fildes,
Barbara Molison

January 11 Nancy Gravelle, Marcia Hutt,
Timothy Ivancic

January 12 Lori Abramo, Matthew Dibble,
Toby Stoikas

January 13 Ruth Marcinelli, Lesley Rudin

January 14 Logan Moyer

January 15 Kevin Batchen,
Raymond Milewski Jr.,
Nancy Ward

January 16 John Krull

January 18 Michael Parks

January 19 Amelia Hoy, Erica Weber

January 20 Kylie Derrett, Sandra Koerber,
Carmello Pitruzella

January 21 Robert Hughes, Samara Parks

January 22 Donovan Heacock

January 24 Timothy Nolan, Margaret Stoltz

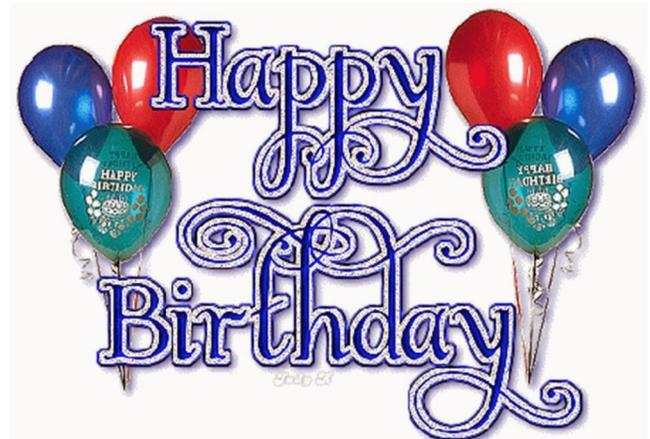
January 25 Robert Clontz, Patricia Dyviniak,
Pamela Robertson

January 26 Fred Garrasi Jr.

January 27 Matthew Prohaska, Paul Winkler

January 28 Lori Decker, Fr. Richard Molison

January 31 James Kissel





JANUARY CALENDAR

January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8, 9:15 & 11am HE NO SS	2	3 7pm Vestry	4 9:30am HE 6pm Jr. Choir 6:45pm Missionettes 7pm Sr. Choir	5	6	7 10:30am Conf. class 4:30pm HE
8 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am SS	9 7pm Prayers for the Persecuted Church	10 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	11 9:30am HE 6:45pm Youth Group	12	13	14 10:30am Conf. Class 5pm Dorothy Willard Memorial Service 4:30pm HE
15 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am SS	16 7pm Prayer for our Nation	17	18 9:30am HE 6pm Jr. Choir 6:45pm Youth Group	19	20	21 10:30am Conf. Class 4:30pm HE
22 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am SS 1pm New Member's Class	23	24 6:30pm Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Men's Discipleship	25 9:30am HE 6:45pm Youth Group	26	27	28 10:30am Conf. Class 4:30pm HE
29 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am SS 1pm New Member's Class	30	31 6:30pm Men's Discipleship				

PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR

JANUARY

VOM workers distribute aid to Christian refugees in northern Iraq.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 DJIBOUTI Pray for the perseverance and encouragement of ministers serving in difficult areas.	2 OMAN Pray that the Lord will grow the number of believers in Oman.	3 LIBYA Pray for righteous leaders who will end the fighting and establish a true government.	4 NEPAL Pray for Pastor "Prem," whose livestock was poisoned by radical Hindus.	5 SUDAN Pray that pastors from the Nuba region will be encouraged and strengthened at training conferences.	6 SIERRA LEONE Pray that those under 25, more than half the population, will understand their need for the Savior.	7 TUNISIA Pray that the church will make a comeback.
8 LIBYA Pray for the protection and growth of an online church for Libyans.	9 SOMALIA Pray for the creative efforts of churches and other ministers to provide Bibles and Christian materials to the people in this country.	10 MYANMAR / BURMA Pray that nominal Christians will become zealous in their faith.	11 PHILIPPINES (HINDIANG) Pray for the safety of front-line workers sharing the gospel in Muslim areas.	12 CHINA Pray that Cheng Jie and other Christians recently released from prison will quickly adjust to outside life.	13 KAZAKHSTAN Pray for revival among ethnic Kazakhs and that entire families will come to Christ.	14 NORTH KOREA Pray for the release of the estimated 30,000 Christians in labor camps.
15 GUINEA Pray for continued peace and relative religious freedom in Guinea.	16 MALAWI Pray that Christ will raise up bold pastors and leaders who are faithful to the Scriptures.	17 IRAN Pray for believers who are imprisoned for their faith and also for their families.	18 NIGER Pray for Christian refugees in DTRA who fled Boko Haram attacks in northeastern Nigeria.	19 SYRIA Pray for Syrians who have been internally displaced or are refugees in other countries.	20 SAUDI ARABIA Pray for the encouragement of Brother Jack, who was severely persecuted for his faith.	21 OMAN Pray for more tools to help communicate the gospel to Omanis.
22 EGYPT Pray that Coptic Christians will have deep personal relationships with Jesus.	23 BHUTAN Pray for the salvation of the King and Queen of Bhutan (Jigme and Jetsun).	24 JORDAN Pray that the Jordanian church will continue to share the gospel with Muslims.	25 MYANMAR / BURMA Pray for the wisdom of front-line workers who face hostile Buddhist monks.	26 INDONESIA Pray that front-line workers will boldly declare the gospel and many Muslims will come to know Jesus.	27 NORTH KOREA Pray for those smuggling gospel materials into North Korea.	28 CUBA Pray that Bible distributions will continue without interruption and that the gospel will reach those who have never heard it.
29 GHANA Pray that the power of the gospel will overwhelm efforts to further establish Islam in the country.	30 YEMEN Pray for missionaries who help the church in Yemen.	31 MALAWI Pray for the 200,000 people who lost their homes due to flooding.				

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Laughter is the best medicine!

"I've just created a 24-hour period of alternating light and darkness," God told one of His angels. "Wonderful!" exclaimed the angel. "So what are you going to do now?" "I think I'll call it a day," God replied.

With great reverence, a little boy opened the family Bible that always sat on the living room table. As he was carefully turning pages, a big leaf fell out. He picked it up and studied it. "Mom!" he shouted, "I think I just found Adam's clothes!"



If you melt dry ice, can you swim in it without getting wet?



Have you heard the one about the skunk who went to church every Sunday? He even had his own pew!

If boomerangs always come back to you, why throw them in the first place?

Why are frogs always happy?



Because they eat whatever bugs them.

How do you get down from an elephant? You don't; you get down from a duck.



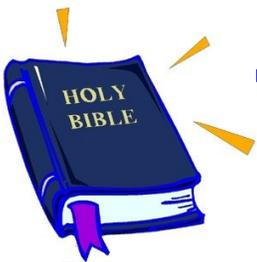
How come...

Glue never sticks to the inside of the bottle?

Abbreviated is such a long word?

When you transport something by car, it's called a shipment; but when you send it by ship, it's called cargo?





Diary of a Bible

JANUARY: A busy time for me. Most of the family decide to read me through this year. They kept me busy for the first two weeks, but they have forgotten me now.

FEBRUARY: Clean-up time. I was dusted yesterday and put in my place. My owner did use me for a few minutes last week. He had been in an argument and was looking up some references to prove he was right.

MARCH: Had a busy first day of the month. My owner was elected president of the PTA and used me to prepare a speech.

APRIL: Grandpa visited us this month. He kept me on his lap for an hour reading from 1 Peter. He seems to think more of me than do some people in my own household.

MAY: I have a few green stains on my pages. Some spring flowers were pressed in my pages.

JUNE: I look like a scrapbook. They have stuffed me full of newspaper clippings— one of the girls got married.

JULY: They put me in a suitcase today. I guess we're off on vacation. I wish I could stay home; I know I'll be closed up in this thing for at least two weeks.

AUGUST: Still in the suitcase.

SEPTEMBER: Back home at last and in my old familiar place. I have a lot of company. Two women's magazines and four comic books are stacked on top of me. I wish I could be read as much as they are.

OCTOBER: They read me a little bit today. One of them is very sick. Right now I am sitting in the center of the coffee table. I think the Pastor is coming by for a visit.

NOVEMBER: Back in my old place. Somebody asked today if I were a scrapbook.

DECEMBER: The family is busy getting ready for the holidays. I guess I'll be covered up under wrapping paper and packages again... just as I am every Christmas.

Author Unknown

Could this be the story of your Bible? If so, it's not too late to change it.