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St. Bart's Tuesday Evening Bible Study

St. Bartholomew's Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study is resuming.

Please join us as we begin our Tuesday evening Women's Bible Study Group on Tuesday, January 10, at 6:30 p.m.! We will begin a new chapter by chapter study on the Gospel of John! For many Christians, the gospel of St. John is the most precious book in the New Testament, beginning with Jesus' deity, then the ministry

of Jesus, His miracles, His "I Am statements", His trials and death, His Resurrection, and finally His assurance of Eternal Life for those that believe in His name.

Our reading material will be the Holy Bible - Along with references to Charles Swindoll's Study Book, Beholding Christ The Son of God (ISBN 1-57972-328-4).

Our meeting dates are every other Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m.

beginning on January 10, followed by:

January 24
February 7
February 21
March 6
March 20
April 3
April 17
May 1
May 15
May 29 (last)

If you have any questions, please call Elaine Henzler (facilitator) at 957-3695. Hope you are able to join us!

A Message From Fr. Patrick White

Dear St. Bartholomew's Family,

I want to personal thank everyone for their support and encouragement over the years.

I will always pray for you!

My ordination was truly a wonderful day, made special by your presence.

May God Bless you all!

Sincerely,

Fr. Patrick White+

The Rev. Fr. Patrick J. White+



PPC—Prayer for Persecuted Church



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Our next meeting of the Prayer for the Persecuted Church will be Monday, January 9, at 7 PM in the Fellowship

Hall.

Syria--Regime Change - Bad News for Christians
Sources: Religious Liberty Prayer Bulletin, Voice Of The Martyrs Contacts.

Romans 9:7-9(NASB) *"They all children because they are Abraham's descendants, but: "through Isaac your*

descendants will be named." That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but the children of the promise are regarded as descendants. For this is the word of promise: "At this time I will come, and Sarah shall have a son."

A regime change in Syria would almost certainly have negative effects on Christians, according to observers of the country's political situation. The Syrian uprising is "not about 'democracy' as the West knows it," wrote Elisabeth Kendal in the Religious Liberty Prayer Bulletin. "It is about restoring [Sunni Muslim domination],

Arab hegemony and the Islamic order to Syria." During the uprising, Syrian Christians have been forced from their homes and Christian businesses burned. Protestors at one event reportedly chanted, "The Alawites to the grave and the Christians to Beirut." While VOM-supported evangelists have long faced harassment and other difficulties while sharing the gospel, many fear that a change in Syria's leadership could raise anti-Christian persecution to levels seen in Iran. Please pray for the protection and perseverance of God's children in Syria.

Generation Next Youth Group

Senior's meeting Mon., Jan. 9 and 23, 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Junior's meeting Wed. Jan. 18, 7pm – 8:30pm

Junior and Senior youth groups special event on Monday January 16th Kissing Bridge ski trip 7am – 6pm

Junior and Senior youth groups Friday "Shine Event" Whitehaven Baptist Church January 27th 7pm – 11pm

Kitchen Construction News

The remodeling of our kitchen begins Monday, January 9. All food, dishware, etc. belonging to individuals or groups needs to be **removed by Monday, January 2, 2012.**

Collection for the Food Pantry: 1st Sunday of every month

48 bags of food were taken to the Food Pantry in December. Thank you for your generosity! In addition the **Kenilworth Fire Company brought 50 bags of groceries to St. Bart's** that we were able to donate to the Food Pantry.

The Food Pantry is in desperate need of some personal care items such as: bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes, razors, toilet paper, feminine products and paper and plastic bags. They also receive pet food, to assist

families in feeding their pets.

Please bring your items on the **FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH** so that our "Food Pantry Delivery Angels" only have to make one trip.

Bishop Scaife Guild:

Thanks to all who brought cookies for our shut-in's and helped deliver them. Thirty boxes were delivered. The Missionettes made lovely cards that were sent with the cookies, a tea bag, and a card from the Guild.

Our profit from the Christmas decoration sale in November was \$282. Thanks to all that made donations.

Our January 22 Soup Sale has been cancelled due to the Kitchen remodeling. We are planning to reschedule at a later date.

On Saturday, April 21 we are

planning on a tour of the historic Riviera Theatre in North Tonawanda. Details will be in the March *CHATTER*.

Coming Events:

January 22 - Soup Sale cancelled

March - Lenten Brunch (date to be announced)

April 21 - Tour of the Riviera Theatre

May 18-19 - Plant Sale

June - Annual Guild Banquet (date to be announced)

Breast Cancer Support Group

St. Bart's Breast Cancer Support Group meets the first Monday of every month.



Friends, family, survivors and co-survivors are welcome and invited to come and pray, be prayed for, hear and share praise reports of healings and more. Come and share in what God is doing to heal His people.

The group meets at 7 PM in the small Fellowship Hall.

If you have any questions, please speak with Donna McCain or Debi Calabrese

December Vestry Meeting

To date 236 commitments for \$743,126 have been made for the "Let Us Arise and Build" Mission Initiative so far, and as of December 3, \$459,074.00 or 62% has been received in actual donations.

The kitchen renovation will be started in January.

As of December 5, 2011, 152 pledges for \$331,700 were received compared to December 6, 2010 when 166 pledges for \$365,997 had been received. It was noted that the pledge cards and letters were mailed 2 weeks later this year.

Fr. Ward announced that he is on the Executive Team for the Franklin Graham Festival set

for September 22 & 23, 2012 at Coca Cola Field, Buffalo. He is in the process of coordinating leaders and churches to get involved and has already met twice with local church leaders and the BGEA representatives.

The Advent and Christmas Offerings designations are as follows: Fr. Marc and Suzanne Jacobson—missionaries in the Philippines, Edu-nations, Buffalo City Mission and Saving Grace Ministries.

The outgoing Vestry members were thanked - Rocco Brindisi, Mark DiMaria, Linda Doran, and Mike Tarapata.

Special Bake Sale

The 6th, 7th and 8th Grade CEM classes will be holding a fund raiser for the children of Uganda (aiding our missionary friend, Susan Morris) on Sunday, January 22. A baked goods sale and hot chocolate and lemonade will be sold. Bring your Coffee Hour appetite and help the class raise money for Bibles, shoes and school supplies.

Parishioners may also donate sneaker for children, school supplies and donations for Bibles. Questions? See Caroline Rudin, Marley Smith or David Curtis.

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MISSIONETTES

We had a really great Christmas party. The girls did a wonderful job making Christmas cards for our shut ins.

This month Missionettes will be meeting on the 4th and the 18th. The Prims will continue their unit on Prayer and the Stars will learn about the Asia Pacific.

*Kathleen Ward and
Carolyn Rudin*



The Ministry of Music

This February, our choir, soloists, readers and clergy will present the hymn festival "*And the Greatest of These is Love.*" The program is scheduled for Sunday evening, February 12 at 6:00 PM.

The theme of the program focuses on the many facets of God's love for us, His people.

A reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the program.

Please join us for a Valentines Day program that explains the *real* meaning of love.

*Terry Gamble
Music Director*

