

The Chatter

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- Fund Raiser for Roswell
- Gardening Club News
- Chadder is back!
- Prayer for the Persecuted Church

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International Diocese Clergy/ Spouse Retreat and Assembly to Be Held at St. Bartholomew's



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Anglican Church in North America

Our bishop, the Rt. Rev. Bill Atwood, has asked St. Bartholomew's to host our diocese's annual clergy and spouse retreat as well as a diocesan conference. Both will take place this coming August 8-12.

The diocesan conference will be on developing a "Christian Worldview," and will take place August 11-12. All members of the parish will be invited to attend. This will be an opportunity for our members to not only spend time with the Bishop and his wife, Susan, but to meet the

clergy and lay people from our diocese, the International Diocese of the ACNA. We will be hosting people from all over the country.

As a result, we will need members to help with registration, transportation, meals, hospitality, as well as set-up and clean-up. Since this will entail so much attention, there will be no *Rock, Rods, and Relationships* event this summer. Stay tuned for information on how you can help, and be sure to check out the sign-up posters on the table in Fr. Amend Hall.

Kingdom Bound 2011 is Coming!

This year we will be in cabins and therefore the cost of is more than the trailers of prior years, it will be **approximately \$250.00 per person.**

There will be over a dozen major Christian artists in concert, lodging, food, and festival speakers to help them grow in their faith. They will also enjoy the theme park.

This is the 25th Anniversary of Kingdom Bound, and our friend Bob Hartman, along with "Classic Petra" will be opening the festival on July 31.

A \$50.00 deposit is due to reserve your spot.

PPC—Prayer for Persecuted Church

The May PPC (Prayer for the Persecuted Church) meeting will be Mon. 5/9 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Read Chapters 1, 2 & 3 in the book



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“*Secret Believers*.” If you do not yet have “*Secret Believers*”, please see Mary Gamble.

We will continue to watch the DVD, “*Islam & The End Times*.”

Hosea 3:5 (New King James Version)

“*Afterward the children of*

Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They shall fear the LORD and His goodness in the latter days.”

VOM (Voice of the Martyrs) sources say Messianic Jews in Israel are facing increased pressure from groups opposed to freedom of religion. One of these groups, Yad L'Achim, staged a demonstration against a Messianic congregation of 150 in Ashdod. “The speech against the believers was slanderous and vicious,” said a VOM source. An Israeli television station that recently profiled Yad L'Achim described the organization as a

militia that goes outside the law to carry out its agenda. Many Messianic Jews have had residency visas and even their citizenship revoked once their faith in Jesus was discovered. Others face constant harassment at their homes and businesses. “It is very important for you who pray for the Messianic body in Israel to ... understand the depth of the paranoia and the hatred for the name of the true Messiah of Israel,” the VOM source said. Pray that Jesus will reveal himself to all those in Israel.

Missionettes News!



Missionettes will have their last meeting before summer break on Wednesday, May 4th. We will have games and an ice cream social. I hope that everyone has a wonderful summer and I am looking forward to meeting again in September.



Many Thanks!

Thank you for all the prayers and cards and love sent to me during my recent illness.

I had bronchitis and then pneumonia, but I am feeling much better now and all your love is greatly appreciated.

Marilyn Commins



GEN Next News

MAY Youth group dates

May 1 - YOUTH SUNDAY and Spaghetti Dinner (to raise money toward Kingdom Bound and several charities)

May 2—Movie Night—both groups meet 7-9 PM

May 4—Jr's Meet-7-8:30 PM

May 9—Seniors Meet-7-9 PM

May 16—Seniors Meet -7-9 PM

May 18—Jr's Meet-7-8:30PM

May 23—Seniors Meet-7-9PM

May 30—No Meeting—Memorial Day!

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

55 bags of food were taken to the Food Pantry in April Thank you for your generosity!

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 continue to need the usual food items such as boxed dinners, fruit, peanut butter. 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:

Help Wanted! for our *Plant Sale* especially on Thursday, May 19 when the plants are delivered at 7:00 AM! We have to unload the plants and then the orders have to be made up. There will be sign-up forms in the Sunday bulletin. Plants orders may be picked up on Friday, May 20 from 10AM to 6 PM and Saturday, May 21 from 9AM to 3 PM only. Please try to pick them up on those days/hours.

Thanks to Tom Bell for our new Gift Shop storage area. We were running out of room for the seasonal items we have been

receiving and now we have a storage room in the lower level for these items. If you bring any items when the Gift Shop is not open please put them in the closet in the Ladies Room. We welcome all donations. The Gift Shop is open after services on Sundays and Wednesdays. We also have *Immanuel* CD's for sale.

The Annual Guild Banquet will be Thursday, June 9, at *Classics V*, 2425 Niagara Falls Blvd. (The former restaurant—not the banquet hall) Our program will be *Social History of Women's Clothing*. Please check the sign-

up sheet and our poster for menu choices and prices. Cocktails will be at 6 PM and dinner at 6:30 PM.

The basket for donations of baby items to Cornerstone Manor - is in the Gift Shop. Please remember: diapers are always in demand!

Threads of Hope is still in need of gently used linens (especially twin bed sheets, blankets, towels, dish towels, small appliances, kitchen items, etc. For more information and delivery, please call Carol Siock (835-2105).

April Vestry Meeting

AS of 4/4/11, 232 pledges for \$523,053 have been made compared to 243 for \$565,398 on 4/12/10.

To date 235 commitments for \$743,126 have been made so far for "Let Us Arise and Build" and as of March 27, \$343,065.50 or 46.2 % have been received in actual donations!

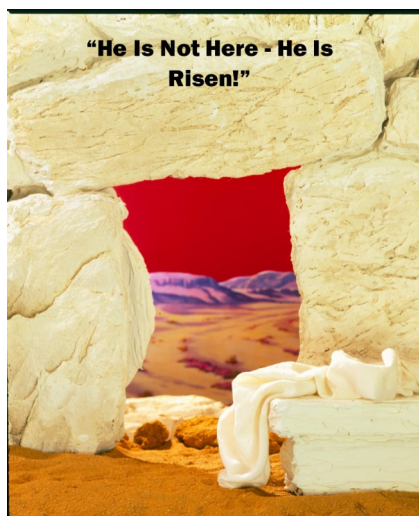
Five steel doors at various entrances will be replaced. The four main restrooms will be remodeled next.

Tom Bell has accepted the position as Sexton.

Committees will be formed to coordinate the Diocesan

Assembly and Clergy/Spouse retreat to be held at St. Bart's August 9-12.

There will be NO Rock, Rods, and Relationships this summer due to the retreat.



Gardening Club

The Gardening Club will be meeting Fri. May 13 and Sat. May 14 to work on the Church gardens. Gloves will be provided. For more information call David Curtis.

St. Bart's Vacation Bible School is coming!



Chadder is returning and looking for volunteers for VBS June 26 - 30. Please be sure to let David Curtis or Jim Kibby know if you would like to help.

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LOVE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, IN WORD AND IN DEED***

CEM NEWS

The annual End of Year Party for the CEM children will be on Friday, June 10th.

The last day of regular CEM classes at both Sunday services is Sunday, June 12th. June 12th is also PENTECOST. CEM (students and teachers) will process at both services and we request your child (and teachers too) to please wear RED.

The annual end of the year teacher party will be on Sunday June 12th at 5:00 at the Commins' house.

Help Raise Money For Roswell

The Youth of St. Bart's have designed special T-shirts to raise awareness and money for fighting cancer at Roswell. The shirts are \$20.00 each, and all of the proceeds are for Roswell!! In memory of Lydia Matuch, there is a shirt with her name on it. If you would like to help and buy a T-shirt please see Chelsea Richner or Deacon Reitz. Order forms are available on our church website. Make checks payable to St. Bartholomew's. Thank you!



Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, May 1st
12:45 - 2:30 p.m.

St. Bartholomew's Church
2368 Eggert Rd.
Tonawanda, NY 14120

\$7.00

All-you-can eat spaghetti
Salad
Coffee and/or water

Take-Out
Available !

Bread
Dessert

Take-Out
Available !

Proceeds will go toward the Youth Group trip to Kingdom Bound this summer.