

# The Chatter

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## Let There Be Music!

### Special points of interest:

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### From the Music Dept.

On the second and fourth Sundays of the month at the 9:15 AM service, have you noticed the "sea of red" vestments in the choir pews? That is our wonderful Junior Choir!

While we have a lot of members, we did lose some members due to "old age." In other words, if you are the parent of a child ages 6-14 there is still room in the Junior Choir for your child. Please prayerfully consider having your child become a member of

our group. Rehearsals are the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 6PM. For more information, please call Mr. Gamble at 832-6327.

Our annual Thanksgiving Day sacred recital is coming up. Please plan on coming to the Thanksgiving service 1/2 hour early (at 9:30 AM) and receive a special blessing.

Would you like to sing with the Senior Choir through the Advent-Christmas season? We always pick up a few singers who find that enjoyable, but cannot

commit to the whole year. Here is a "short term" chance to sing the beautiful music of Christmas with our choir!

Simply attend the rehearsals, beginning on November 23, and we will get you set up. For more information, call Mr. Gamble at 832-6327.

### Advance Notice:

Please save Sunday evening February 12 at 6:00 PM. This will be our annual Hymn Festival. The theme is "LOVE." Please mark the date down now. More information to follow.

## Will You Be Alone For Thanksgiving?

Is it too expensive for you to travel out of town to celebrate Thanksgiving dinner?



Then consider celebrating Thanksgiving dinner this year with your Church family. Sign-up sheets for the Thanksgiving items that you will be

bringing are on a table in the Fr. Amend hall. Dinner will be at 3:30PM until 6:00 PM. If you haven't already signed up, please sign up by November 16. We are expecting about

90-100 people. Besides your donation to the dinner (see sign-up sheets) it would be a real Thanksgiving if everyone brings cans of soup for a donation to the Food pantry. Any ?'s, please see Karen Cavalleri, Bud Karnuth, Lauri-Anne Hammond, or Judy and David Curtis.

## PPC—Prayer for Persecuted Church



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There is a wonderful Christian man that the PPC has been praying for since we began this ministry more than 5 years ago. He has been in prison for over 7 years and was just released. We often do not understand why our brothers and sisters in Jesus go through the horrors that they do. Zhang Rongliang's own words explain the importance of

praying for our persecuted brothers and sisters and trusting the will of God. Here is an excerpt from the official VOM release page:

### Special News Update on Zhang Rongliang:

Zhang Rongliang, one of the most prominent house church leaders in China, was sentenced in 2006 to seven and a half years in prison for using an illegal passport. But even as Christians pressured communist leaders to release Rongliang, he

was building a ministry right inside the prison itself.

*"I am happy that you and others tried to arrange for my release, but in one way, I am happy that you failed," Rongliang told a VOM contact. "You almost made a big mistake. If you had been successful, there would be no church in that prison today."*

Please come and join us as we meet the first Monday of every month at 7 PM, in the Fellowship Hall.

### Missionettes

Missionettes will be meeting on the 2nd and the 16th of this month. The Prims will begin a new unit on Prayer and the Stars will be learning about Asia Pacific. It's not too late to sign up your daughter to be involved in this Christian Girls Club. If you are interested, please contact Kathleen Ward or Caroline Rudin.



### Compass Notes

St. Bart's Missions committee is revving up and looking to go "full steam ahead" for Jesus!

You are invited to come to a meeting on **Wednesday night, November 9, at 6 PM** in the Fellowship Hall be looking at the three areas of mission: Local, National, and International and how we can effectively share the Gospel in each.

### Gen-Next News

#### **Seniors meet Mondays:**

11/14, and 11/28 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM

#### **Juniors meet Wednesdays:**

11/2, and 11/16 from 7 to 8:30 PM.

#### **Both Seniors and Juniors:**

Fun Night *Refuel* - 7 to 8:30 PM at Willow Ridge Elementary School.

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

**51 bags of food and 1 cash donation** were taken to the Food Pantry in October. 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:

Our October meeting/flower arrangement program was enjoyed by the ladies attending. The "fall" arrangements that were made were beautiful. Thank you to Donna McCain for her expert help! The Guild president, Lori Abramo, presided at a brief meeting inviting the ladies to participate in events and to make suggestions for activities, etc.

Note the change of our "Cookies for the Shut In's" program this year. We are asking that the cookie donations be brought to the church on Saturday, December 10 and left in the kitchen. Please label them "cookies for the shut-in's." There will be a sheet with the names

and addresses of those receiving the boxes on the counter where you may leave the cookies. If you can deliver a box to them please indicate that on the sheet and what service you will be attending on Sunday morning, December 12, to pick up their box for delivery. We also include the recipient's phone number so that you may call them before going to deliver their cookies.

### Coming Events:

January 22, 2012 - Soup Sale

March - Lenten Brunch (Date to be announced)

May 18-19, 2012 - Plant Sale

June—Annual Guild Banquet (Date to be announced)

## October 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 October 3, \$433,803.00 or 58% has been received in actual donations.

The entrance restrooms are completed, except for some touch-up work and the restrooms in the main hallway are in process. The kitchen renovation is planned for January. The next large project will be replacing the roof.

The budget for 2012 was approved. The total is \$681,081,

which includes a modest 1.57% increase. There will be no increase in salaries for the staff.

**The annual election for Vestry will be Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4, after all services.**

## Getting the Word Out!

Did you know that Jim Thompson, Carol Kibler and Rosemary Styn are conducting a non-denominational Bible study at the Brighton Senior Apartments? 15 people now attend. Well Done!

## Wedding Bells



Congratulations to Mr. Donald and Mrs. Nicole (Reitz-Dommell) Veiders, who exchanged vows before the Lord on Saturday, September 10, at 1 PM here at St. Bartholomew's.

Fr. Ward and the bride's father, Deacon Reitz, officiated.

## From the St. Augustine's Prayer Book

### (preparing for Advent)

Remember Christian Soul that thou hast this day and every day of thy life:

*God to glorify  
Jesus to imitate  
A soul to save  
A body to mortify  
Sins to repent of  
Virtues to acquire  
Hell to avoid  
Heaven to gain  
Eternity to prepare for  
Time to profit by  
Neighbors to edify  
The world to despise  
Devils to combat  
Passions to subdue  
Death, perhaps, to suffer  
Judgment to undergo*

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**Wedding Bells:**  
Congratulations to Mr. Benjamin and Mrs. Jane (Liu) Hahn who exchanged vows before the Lord on Saturday, October 8, at 11 am.  
Fr. Ward Officiated.

## C.E.M. News

**IDOP** – International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church is Sunday, November 13. All children will be doing a special program on this and all of their offerings will go toward purchasing Bibles for children in other countries who cannot simply go and buy a Bible.

**The First Sunday in Advent is November 27.** Our wonderful CEM teachers along with our dedicated Clergy are once again busily writing daily devotionals. The CEM is offering their annual Advent Devotional Booklet to the

entire parish! These will be available for pick up on Sunday, November 27 during all the church services. Be sure to get your copy to make your devotional time during the season of Advent just a bit richer.

**December 18 is our Annual Christmas Pageant.** Last year was amazing and this year it promises to be even better! Put the date on your calendar and be sure to attend.