



# St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

**Our Vision:** *Transforming lives 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 2019

### **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR!**

It's hard to believe we are in the middle of the 12 Days of Christmas and the New Year is upon us! What will be your focus in 2019? Can I make a suggestion? Jesus said, ***"Seek first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness and everything else will be taken care of!"*** That's right. Very simple and straightforward. One of the ways we do that is by staying connected to our church family. Please note in this Chatter the various ways you can be an active part of what the Lord Jesus Christ is doing among us through His Holy Spirit. We can't fully be complete as a family of God without you!

### **EPIPHANY IS COMING AND SO IS OUR TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!**

**January 6 is always Epiphany**, the day the Church celebrates Jesus manifested to the Gentiles with the coming of the *Magi* (wise men) from the East (Persia) to see the infant king. **We will be also celebrating our ten year anniversary of moving to our new location on Eggert Road back on December 21, 2008.** On that day, over 520 people came to worship the Lord and give thanks for His blessings in the middle of a snowstorm! God has and continues to bless us. Please join us as we celebrate ten years together in our new location and in the Anglican Church of North America with a service on **Epiphany Sunday, January 6 at 10 AM. A catered lunch will follow at Noon. Our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Bill Atwood, and his wife Susan will be with us, too.** I also want to add that **January 1, 2019, will mark 20 years as your Rector and January 6 is the 23rd anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood.** I have been truly blessed to be able to be a part of the ministry of St. Bartholomew's the last 23 years since first arriving in August of 1995 as the new curate. I look forward to many more years together in serving our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In the meantime, as the Apostle Paul reminds us in **Philippians 3:14**, may we all continue to ***"press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."***

In Christ's love, Fr. Ward

St. Bart's Web Information

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# VESTRY



## Belong- Equip- Reach

**Church Elections** ~ Were held on December 1-2, 2018. Linda Doran, John Hillestad, John Krull, and John Merrick were elected to serve a 3-year term. Tony Luckoski and Mark Begavich will serve as alternates, respectively. Fr. Ward thanked the leaving members: Warden, Jim Thompson, Lori Abramo, Rob Derrett, & Jim Hyzy for their service. Jim Glownia will be our next Warden and Rocco Brindis has agreed to be our Jr. Warden.

**St. Bart's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary On Eggert Road Celebration** ~ Please join the clergy and staff as well as Bishop Atwood and his wife in the celebration of our move to our current location. All are invited to attend on Sunday, January 6, 2019 which also happens to be Epiphany Sunday. *Note: only 8:00 & 10:00 services will be held that day.* Everyone is invited to attend a catered luncheon at noon in the Fr. Amend Hall.

**Father Ward's Anniversaries** ~ Not only will we be celebrating our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary on January 6<sup>th</sup>, but we will be recognizing the anniversary of Fr. Ward's 23<sup>rd</sup> ordination to priesthood as well as his 20 years as Rector of St. Bart's

Celebrating Our  
**10**  
YEAR  
Anniversary

# BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD



A big THANK YOU to those who helped with the Christmas sale — setting up, manning the cash box, packing up and delivering the remaining items to “Hearts for the Homeless”. You know who you are, and your help was really appreciated. Our profits are \$230.00.

All donations of Christmas items were appreciated, but this will be the last year for our Christmas sale. There are many places where your “gently used” Christmas items will be appreciated.

Thank you again — The Christmas Sale Committee.

19 tins of cookies were made up and delivered to our shut-ins. Thank you to all who donated cookies and delivered them.



# PRAY for those in the MILITARY

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

*Katherine Boy-US Marines*

*Virginia Boy- US Navy*

*Jason Driscoll- US Army*

*James Kerins- US Army*

*A.J. Matteliano- US Army*

*Matthew Prohaska- US Air Force*

*Andrew Rebl- US Army*

*Michael Wassinger Jr. -US Army*

*Andrew Welkley- US Air Force*



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



# Generation Next News

## January 2019

### Events For grades 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>

**Wednesdays**— from 6:30-8:30pm. A time of interactive Bible lessons and fun games.

**January 9th**—First Gen Next of the new Year.

**January 23rd** — Movie Night— God's Not Dead-A Light in the Darkness

**Save the Date** — Awaken youth event February 15-16th. Cost is \$45 per person. Money is due by January 16th.

**Save the Date**—Lasertron Event March 20th at 6:30pm. Cost is \$10

#### For more information contact:

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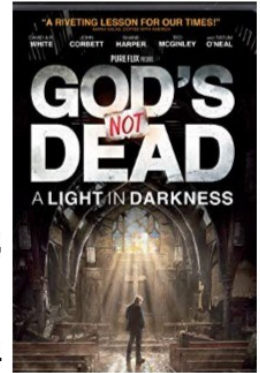
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Hey there everyone! I hope you had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We have some great events coming up the next few months so be sure to put them on your calendars.



On January 23rd we will be watching God's Not Dead-A light in the Darkness about how a Pastor responds to the unimaginable tragedy of having his church, located on the grounds of the local university, burned down. Please feel free to bring your family and friends to watch this great film. To watch the trailer for the film go to [godshotdead.pureflix.com](http://godshotdead.pureflix.com)



In February we will be going to a youth Event called Awaken. A new youth conference presented by Kingdom Bound! Featuring Reggie Dabbs, Wes Aarum, Hopper Worship Band, and more.



This event is specially geared for teens to encounter the overwhelming love of Christ by awakening the soul, understand who He is by awakening the mind, know who He is & what His Word says by awakening the heart and celebrate who He is by awakening hope. More details coming soon for now go to [awakencon.com](http://awakencon.com) for more information.

Wednesday, March 20th we will be going to **Lasertron** from 6:30pm-8:30pm.

We will meet at the event center on N Bailey Avenue at 6:30pm.

Pickup will also be at Lasertron. We will be

doing two events Laser Tag and Cybersport. Pizza will also be provided.



If you have any questions about these events please feel free to contact me.

In Christ, Liz

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION



All material for the **FEBRUARY** Chatter should be submitted no later than **JANUARY 15**. Chatter deadline is **ALWAYS** the **3rd Tuesday of the month**. Thank you.

## FOOD PANTRY

44 bags of food and personal products were donated in December. **Please try to remember collection is the first Sunday of each month**. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



PRAYER FOR REVIVAL will meet **Monday, January 21 at 7pm**. Please join us as we pray for our church, our community, our nation and the world.

A big thanks to all who helped at our Thanksgiving dinner.

Many thanks to Karon, Elijah and grandson, Tammy, Carol, Darinda, Carl, Joe, Karen, Rich, Bev, John and Tami Geno, Miner and Judi. We served 70 dinners. Again thank you all for a wonderful afternoon.

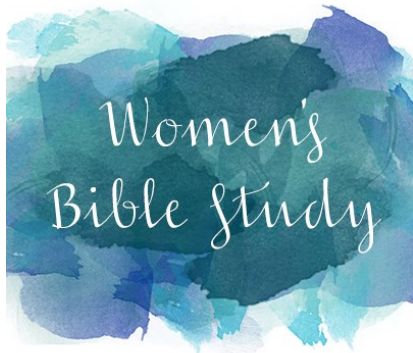
# Thanks





# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study



We will continue our study of The Acts of the Apostles. It's not too late to join us. Study guides are \$5.00.

We meet from 6:30-8:00 pm , the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, in the small fellowship hall. January meetings are the 8th and 22nd. (weather permitting)

Any questions call Louise at (716) 874-0526



The next meeting of the

## **Parkinson's Support Group**

Will be **Tuesday, February 26 at 2pm.**

Any questions? See David Curtis

The **Outreach Strategy team** will be holding a collection for new socks and underwear to benefit Cornerstone Manor and the Magdalene Project. The collection will run from January 12 to February 2. Look for the display and more info on sizes in the Fr. Amend Hall. As always, Thank You for your support of the ministries at St. Bart's.



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St. Bart's Family-

We arrived safely back home from Northern Iraq/Kurdistan on Sunday evening, December 9. It was a phenomenal Spirit filled trip! We definitely got more out of it than we gave. We can't thank St. Bartholomew's Church enough for their monetary donations, blankets, toys and prayers! The money went towards purchasing medications, as you can see from the picture. The blankets were put to good use as the weather was cold. Even in 40 degree weather, we saw many kids walking around without shoes or socks. Very sad sight indeed.

Here is what Father Jerry Kramer, our long-term Missionary in Iraq, has written in his newsletter...

***"We are halfway through this week's medical mission to Yezidi and Christian refugees from ISIS and recent Iranian and Turkish aggression/incursions. Our team has cared for hundreds of patients, ministered to children here and, thanks to you, we have purchased medicine for thousands in need. Christians, Yezidi and Kurdish Muslims are all working together as one team; this is a miracle in itself. And it's beautiful. The Kingdom of God is coming upon this troubled region".***

Dan worked triage along with another attorney. Dan was in charge of getting histories, taking temperatures, Blood Pressures, Finger-stick Glucoses on all diabetics as well as a Diabetic foot examination. He actually diagnosed heart disease in a Diabetic patient with chest pain that he brought immediately to me. Then, he diagnosed a case of Scabies! For those non-medical folks, Scabies is a very itchy rash due to critters that burrow into the skin and is contagious. Camp Sharya is ground zero for Scabies because of the living conditions (close quarters and everyone in tents) with a huge outbreak so we treated every patient for it along with the entire medical team prophylactically with medication. Father Jerry actually came down with Scabies again.

A typical terribly sad story we hear is about the ISIS orphans. The Father is killed by ISIS and the Mother remarries. The new husband does not want the kids so they are dumped in Camp Sharya with extended family. I saw a 10 year old girl who looked ½ her age and doesn't really speak. Just heart-breaking. We added her to the other 350 ISIS orphans that will go to the Trauma Center that Father Jerry's team has set up in Camp Sharya.

Dan's assistant is a 19 year old Muslim teenager (pictured with Dan) who he is training in triage so that she can continue to work for the team in this capacity. I worked closely with her Brother in the pharmacy and he is very open to the Gospel. He just starting a discovery Bible Study because of the work with the long-term Missionary Team. Their Father is a big Muslim tribal leader and influential. We were invited to their home on our last night there for dinner.

On the way home, he shared with Dan and I the following testimony...

***"You know that I am Muslim but I now pray to Jesus all the time. Peyman told me about Jesus and gave me an Injil (New Testament) that I have been reading. I love Jesus very much. Christian is better than Muslim. Christians are the only ones who come to Iraq to help. Every Christian I meet, I ask them to pray for me".***

As Father Jerry says...It is just the very presence of Christians in this area that brings the Kingdom of God where we show the difference. However, once a Muslim is brought into His Kingdom, he is risking his very life. It is best for them to stay a "Muslim Background Believer" as opposed to coming out of the closet (so to speak) because they can bring others into the Kingdom, just as Peyman has done.

I encouraged everyone to consider making a short-term missions trip to Northern Iraq/Kurdistan. We are going again next December, 2019. It is safe and the Lord is moving mightily here!

Dan Scully and Denise Callari

***(Pictures on the next page)***



# MEDICAL MISSION TRIP TO IRAQ



# PRAYER CORNER

## PRAYER AT THE RAIL

Join the Intercessory Prayer Team at the Communion Rail for a time of silent prayer as they pray for our Bishop, Dioceses, Clergy, Missionaries, Ministries and the Lost in Western New York.

**Sunday – January 13**– 10:40 – 10:55 a.m. at the Communion Rail in the Sanctuary

## ADORATION / CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

A quiet time to be with our Lord.

**Wednesday –January 30-** 6:00 p.m. – In the Sanctuary

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Reading from the Book of Acts, a time to pray for the Mission and Vision of St. Bartholomew's.

**Friday – January 25**– 11:00 a.m. – In the Library

## PARENTS IN PRAYER

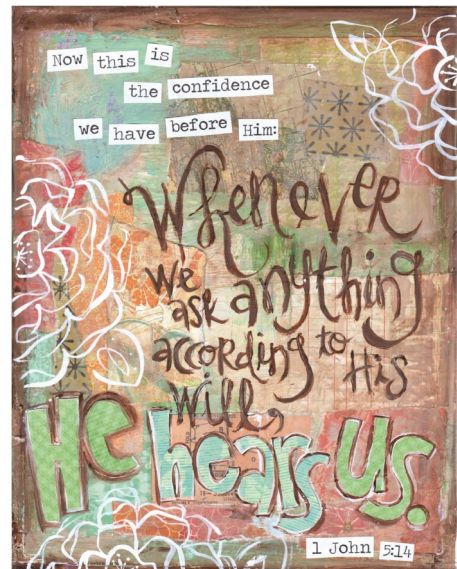
**Wednesday– January 2 and 16**— 6:45pm in the Upper Prayer Room

## FOR YOUR PERSONAL PRAYER NEEDS

Personal Prayer Intercessors are available during communion at various services in the back of the sanctuary. Check the Sunday bulletin for times.

## HAVE A PRIVATE PRAYER REQUEST?

Prayer request cards can be filled out & placed in the White Church Prayer Box on the Prayer Ministry Table.



# January Birthdays

January 1 Heather Craig, Aguil Dut, Lual Dut,  
Robert Kyser, Deborah Ryan

January 2 Joseph Calamita

January 3 Paul Etienne, David Lapp

January 4 Hadassah Bush, Grace Delisanti,  
David Morrison

January 5 Mary DeLuca

January 6 Geprge Brock

January 7 Nicholas Horvath, Sean MacLeay,  
Margaret McCallum, Eric Weber

January 8 Thomas Crane, Amanda Waddington

January 9 Shirley King, Joe Vaccaro

January 10 David Curtis, Diane Fildes,  
Barbara Molison

January 11 Marcia Hutt

January 12 Lori Abramo, Matthew Dibble

January 13 Ruth Marcinelli, Lesley Rudin

January 14 Logan Moyer

January 15 Kevin Batchen, Daniel Bunker,  
Larry Moyer, Nancy Wrd

January 16 John Krull

January 19 Amelia Hoy

January 20 Kylie Derrett, Sandra Koerber,  
Carmello Pitruzella

January 21 Robert Hughes

January 22 Donovan Heacock

January 24 Karen Bunker, Timothy Nolan

January 25 Robert Clontz, Patricia Dyviniak,  
Pamela Robertson

January 26 Frederick Garrasi Jr.

January 27 Matthew Prohaska

January 28 Lori Decker, Fr. Richard Molison

January 31 James Kissel



February 1 Joseph Albrecht Jr.

February 2 Allison Hillery

February 3 Brabara Chiaravalle,  
Samantha Crane, Lual Dut,  
Brittany Wilkowski

February 4 Carol Brock, Dorothea Haasa,  
Connie Prohaska

February 6 Gino Forte

If you notice a mistake in the birthday list please call (831-1777) or email the secretaries: [secretaries@stbartston.org](mailto:secretaries@stbartston.org)



A BIG THANK YOU to the youth (and adult leaders) for a wonderful Christmas pageant, **THE POWER OF THE KING!!**

Everyone involved did an excellent job.

Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication.







# JANUARY CALENDAR

## January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2 9:30am HE 6pm Jr. Choir 6:45pm Missionettes, Parents in Prayer	3	4	5 NO Conf. Class 10am Bishop meets with CORE & Vestry 2pm Funeral 4:30pm HE
6 8 & 10am HE 10am Sunday School 12noon: 10th Anniversary Celebration Dinner	7	8 6:30pm Women's Bible Study 7pm Vestry Mtg.	9 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6pm Contemporary Choir 6:30pm Youth Group	10	11	12 10:30am Confirmation Class 4:30pm HE
13 8, 9-15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am SS 9:30am Bible Study 1:30pm Sudanese Service	14 7pm PPC	15 6:30pm Men's Discipleship	16 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6pm Jr. Choir 6:30pm Youth Group 6:45pm Missionettes, Parents in Prayer	17	18	19 8:30am Men's Breakfast 10:30am Confirmation Class 4:30pm HE
20 8, 9-15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am SS 9:30am Bible Study 1pm Adult New Member Class begins 1:30pm Sudanese Service	21 M.L. King Day Office Closed 7pm Prayer for Revival	22 6:30pm Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Men's Discipleship	23 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group	24	25 11am Intercessory Prayer	26 10:30am Confirmation Class 4:30pm HE
27 8, 9-15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11 am SS 9:30am Bible Study 1pm Adult New Member Class 1:30pm Sudanese Service	28 6:30pm Movie Night	29 6:30pm Men's Discipleship	30 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study Adoration 6pm 6:30pm Youth Group	31		

# PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR

## Joyful Proclamation

Pastor Matta, a front-line worker in Sudan's war-torn Nuba Mountains, is not intimidated by the Sudanese government's violent attempts to eradicate Christians from the region. He and other like him joyfully proclaim the gospel in the darkest corners of the world. Their peace surpasses all understanding as they boldly serve Christ in a war zone.

# January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>6</b> <b>BRUNEI</b> Pray that newly baptized believers will be bold in their witness and grow as disciples.	<b>7</b> <b>BHUTAN</b> Pray that persecuted believers will maintain a strong witness and point many to Christ.	<b>8</b> <b>CHINA</b> "Pray that our church would have the Bibles we need!" —Front-line worker	<b>9</b> <b>TURKEY</b> Pray for church growth, especially in the east and along the coast of the Black Sea.	<b>10</b> <b>UAE</b> Pray that Christian workers in the UAE will see more fruit from their efforts.	<b>11</b> <b>INDONESIA</b> Pray that Indonesian churches will have a heart for missions.	<b>12</b> <b>SUDAN</b> Pray for those affected by Sudanese Air Force bombings in the Nuba Mountains.
<b>13</b> <b>KYRGYZSTAN</b> Pray that no laws prohibiting Christian materials or activity will be passed.	<b>14</b> <b>ALGERIA</b> Pray for opportunities to distribute Bibles in every city in Algeria, especially in the south.	<b>15</b> <b>COMOROS</b> Pray that believers will find creative ways to share their faith.	<b>16</b> <b>BANGLADESH</b> Pray for an organization that creates audio and video materials to help churches share the gospel.	<b>17</b> <b>VIETNAM</b> Pray that new youth materials will attract and be read by many who are not Christians.	<b>18</b> <b>LEBANON</b> Pray that the walls of fear will disappear between churches and needy souls.	<b>19</b> <b>INDIA</b> "Pray that my children will not be afraid!" —Persecuted believer
<b>20</b> <b>PAKISTAN</b> Pray that pastors and Sunday school teachers will provide sound teaching.	<b>21</b> <b>TUNISIA</b> Pray for house churches in Tunisia.	<b>22</b> <b>ERITREA</b> Pray for more Christian resources in the Tigrinya language for Eritrean youth.	<b>23</b> <b>BANGLADESH</b> Pray for leaders of a training center who minister to those facing persecution.	<b>24</b> <b>LIBYA</b> Pray that secret believers will have fellowship with the Lord and with other Christians.	<b>25</b> <b>KYRGYZSTAN</b> Pray for President Sooronbay Jeenbekov, who has led the country since 2017.	<b>26</b> <b>IRAN</b> Pray for the health, endurance, peace and even joy of those in prison for their faith.
<b>27</b> <b>UAE</b> Pray that those persecuting believers will come to know Jesus as Savior.	<b>28</b> <b>BAHRAIN</b> Pray that Christian book stores will bear much fruit for the kingdom.	<b>29</b> <b>MOROCCO</b> Pray that extremist Islamic schools will be closed.	<b>30</b> <b>AZERBAIJAN</b> Pray for new believers, who often lose their jobs or businesses when they become Christians.	<b>31</b> <b>BHUTAN</b> Pray for a good outcome from the recent National Assembly Election period in Bhutan.		



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Our next prayer meeting is Monday,  
January 14 at 7pm.

# Happy New Year !

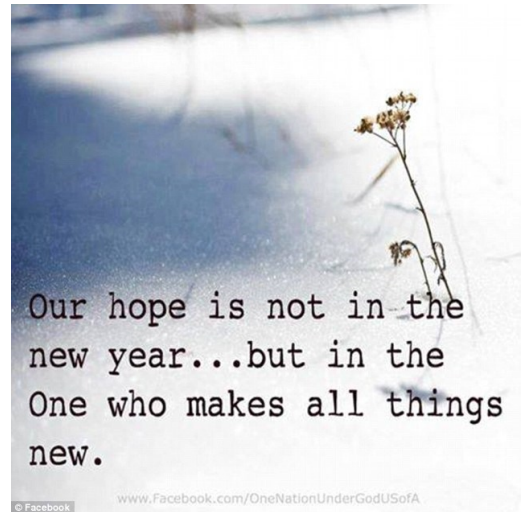


Happy NEW YEAR

You crown the year with Your goodness,  
And Your paths drip with abundance.

PSALM 65:11

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Our hope is not in the  
new year...but in the  
One who makes all things  
new.

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## New Year Wishes

Another year unfolds:  
New paths we have to tread.  
We wonder what life holds  
In the brand new year ahead.

My special wish for you  
Is a blessing from God above,  
To make this your happiest year,  
Filled with joy and peace and love.



MAKE  
today  
AMAZING

This is the day the  
LORD has made;  
We will rejoice and  
be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24



Thank the Lord for opening another chapter in our lives.  
May we live each page with more meaning  
by touching people's lives each day!

HAPPY  
NEW YEAR



MAY YOU SHINE  
THE LIGHT OF  
CHRIST IN THE  
NEW YEAR!

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