



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

MAY 2019

ONE BODY - MANY MEMBERS!

The Apostle Paul wrote in **1 Cor. 12:12; 27:** ***"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ....Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it."*** St. Bartholomew's is one small church among the millions of churches across the globe. We are a unique church of the worldwide Church of Jesus Christ - past, present, and future! As Buzz Lightyear of the *Toy Story* movie series would always exclaim, ***"To infinity and beyond!"*** We, like every church, are called to serve our community. But this same principle is true for each individual member of the church as well. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, our lives are being transformed into Christ's likeness! One of the ways we demonstrate this transformation is to show individually that we are members of His Body within the congregation God has placed us. In other words, if you are a member of St. Bartholomew's, God calls you to serve!

As I look back already on the first quarter of 2019, I am amazed and filled with gratitude for the members - old and new - of our parish family who have made one event after another a great success. So many have stepped up and served the Lord and His Church. Much has been accomplished in the first quarter of this year!

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St. Bart's Web Information

www.stbartston.org

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From the ten year anniversary celebration of our move with our Bishop Bill Atwood in January to the wonderful retirement service for our longtime organist Terry Gamble in March, from the monthly movie nights (Pilgrim's Progress saw over 120 folks present!) to the Wednesday Family Nights which included dinners at 6 PM in Lent, from our annual Seder meal on Maundy Thursday to all the preparations that went into making our worship services stellar (THANK YOU Altar Guild, Acolytes, Lay Ministers, Choirs, and musicians!). We are blessed to have so many members involved and committed to the work of ministry. We simply could not do what we do without your help!

And I might add, a big THANK YOU to our many members who sacrificially give of their financial resources every month. The clergy and the church staff would not be able to do the work of ministry day in and day out without your continued faithful support. So again thanks to all who have made the first quarter of 2019 a wonderful success. And a simple challenge to the rest - join us and serve! It is what Jesus calls us to do!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Ward



VESTRY



Notes for March:

Core Team: Will be meeting later this month. They will continue to work towards developing materials and a strategy for reaching out to newcomers and visitors as well as to social media outlets.

Organist: Aaron Tham was hired to replace Terry Gamble, as of 04/01/19. He will play at the 11 am services, all Holy Days and the second half of the 10 am summer services. The Contemporary Music Ministry will cover the 9:15 Sunday services as well as the 4:30 pm Saturday services. Terry's last day will be March 31, 2019 when we will only have an 8:00 am and 10:00 am service on Sunday. (Saturday service will remain unchanged.) Everyone is invited to attend a catered lunch following the 10:00 service.

Lenten Offering: Will be given to Campus Crusade for Christ, North Town Pregnancy, Salvation Army and The Riley's.

Directories: Should be received in the near future!

Pledge Cards: Please remember to turn in your pledge cards, if you have not done so already. While you are not committed to give whatever you pledge, it is used to help prepare the annual budget.

Notes for April:

New Organist: Aaron Tham will be our new organist. He will begin playing the organ in the near future. In the meantime, we will have a substitute organist.

New Directories: Distribution of the new directories will be taking place sooner than later, after the final editing is completed.

Iraq Mission Trip: Is put on hold until further notice.

Guest Speaker: William Federer will be a guest speaker in a community event taking place on the last Friday and Saturday in July. He will speak on "American Exceptionalism". Although more details will follow, please mark your calendars to save the date.

Church Picnic: Scheduled for Sunday, August 25, 2019. Please plan to attend this annual event. Watch for final details.

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.

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

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



BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD



The annual **Spring Banquet** will be at **Classics V on Thursday, June 7.**
The sign up sheet will be on a table in the Fr. Amend Hall.

BUNDLES FOR BABIES:

Please leave baby items in the Gift Shop and mark them "Cornerstone".



THREADS OF HOPE: Please leave household items in the Gift Shop and they will be delivered.

DON'T FORGET TO DROP YOUR DASH'S RECEIPTS IN THE BAG ON THE GIFT SHOP DOOR.





Dear St. Bart's Family,

Thank you so much for the work many of you did for the wonderful luncheon that was held in honor of my retirement! The cards and gifts and notes were much appreciated. Fr. Ward's sermon at the service was one I will always remember. Mary and I are 'staying put' so I hope to see many of you in the future. Again: THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING!

Terry Gamble



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

*All material for the **JUNE** Chatter should be submitted no later than **MAY 21**. Chatter deadline is **ALWAYS** the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Thank you.*

Mike and I would like to thank you for your encouragement, offers of help, and most of all, your prayers before, during and after my recent neck surgery. We have no family here so we REALLY appreciated our church family's support. You were God's hands and feet and we are very grateful! There is power in prayer! All the excruciating arm pain was completely gone when I woke up in recovery. I had none of my usual post-anesthesia issues, needed no pain meds, and had a quick and uncomplicated recovery. Even my neurosurgeon commented that I did 'exceptionally well,' so I gave him a letter giving God the glory and sharing how Jesus answered the prayers of my church family AND that He had been in surgery with us! Praise God!



Brenda Wisz

**The next Parkinson's meeting
will be Tuesday, May 28 at 2pm.
See David Curtis for more information.**



It's time for the
Northtown Pregnancy Center's Annual Banquet.
Please come on **Thursday, May 9** to learn about the ministry and give as the Lord leads. More info and a sign up sheet are on a table in Fr. Amend Hall. Questions can be directed to Marley Smith.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Breakfast will be provided by the *Men's Discipleship Group* for the **Women of the Church in Honor of Mothers Day** on **Saturday May 11 at 9:00 am** in the Fr. Amend Hall. All are welcome, bring a friend or two. Sign up sheet is on the Information Center in the Fr. Amend Hall

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.

We meet from 6:30-8:00 pm, the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, in the small fellowship hall.

May meetings are May 14 and May 28.

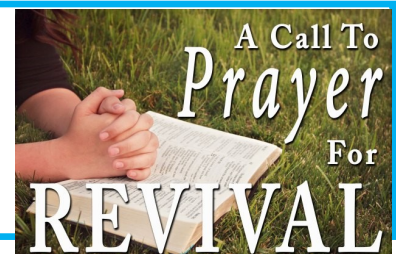


FOOD PANTRY: 48 bags of food were donated in April. Please try to remember the collection is the **first Sunday** of each month. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



Helping Hands & Cheerful Hearts are needed **Saturday, May 4**, from 9am 'til noon to clean up the church grounds from the winter and prepare for spring planting. Light duty: picking up litter, sweeping, raking shrubbery trimmings, etc. No prior experience needed! Sign up in the Fr. Amend Hall or see Brenda Wisz for more information (832-6684)

PRAYER FOR REVIVAL will meet **Monday, May 20 at 7pm**. Please join us as we pray for the needs and concerns of our church, community, nation and the world.



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IS OPEN!

7th Annual



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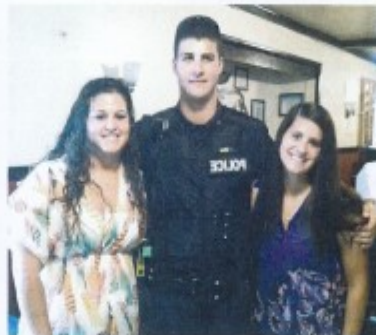
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Generation Next News

May 2019

Events For grades 6th -12th

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

May 17-19- Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center Jr and Sr High Retreat. Cost is \$40 and is due May 1st

Save the Date—Saturday, June 1st Kingdom Bound Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser 6:00-7:30pm

Save the Date— Wednesday May 29th 6:00pm or Sunday June 2nd at 10:30am Youth Sunday Service Meeting

Save the Date— Sunday, June 23rd Youth Sunday and Graduation Recognition at the 10:00am service

For more information contact:
Liz Burkett
(Director of Christian Education)
Call or text me at —716-861-9911
Email - doe@stbartston.org

Hello Everyone, First I want to say thank you for all your help with the Easter Puppet Show and Egg Hunt. You all are amazing. Thanks for making the day extra special for the kids

Camp Pioneer Jr and Sr High Retreat is coming up on May 17th—19th. The cost is \$40 per youth and will start at 7pm that Friday night and end on Sunday the 17th at 12:00pm. We will meet at the church on Friday at 6:00pm and return to church on Sunday at 1:00pm.



What to expect: A weekend of laughter and study; food and songs; of praising God and playing some great games; a weekend to build friendships and have a ton of fun. What to bring: your sleeping bag, pillow, toiletries, clothes for work and play, an extra pair of shoes and your Bible. Don't let the cost be the reason you are not joining us scholarships are always available so everyone can come.

The **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser** is coming up in June and we need your help to make it possible. So if you are available to sell tickets on weekends in May and or can help, set up, serve, and or clean up on June 1st please sign up in Fr. Amend Hall or call me.



Youth Sunday is coming up in June and below are the details of that service. The worship service will consist of the youth greeting, ushering, reading the scriptures, performing a Puppet skit for the message, and giving testimonies about how being apart of Youth Group has impacted their faith walk.



Youth can also participate in the Worship band. Please contact Eileen Arnold (eileenarnold12@gmail.com) or Jim Kibby (kibbyjr@gmail.com) to get involved

All youth grades 6-12th are encouraged to participate (feel free to invite your friends to participate) and can choose how they would like to be involved in the service that day.

There will be an informational meeting for parents and students about Youth Sunday on May 29th at 6:00pm before Youth Group in the Youth Group room. And Sunday June 2nd at 10:30am upstairs for those who cant make the May 29th. We will discuss what this service will entail, what the youth will be expected to do, and sign up sheets will be available.

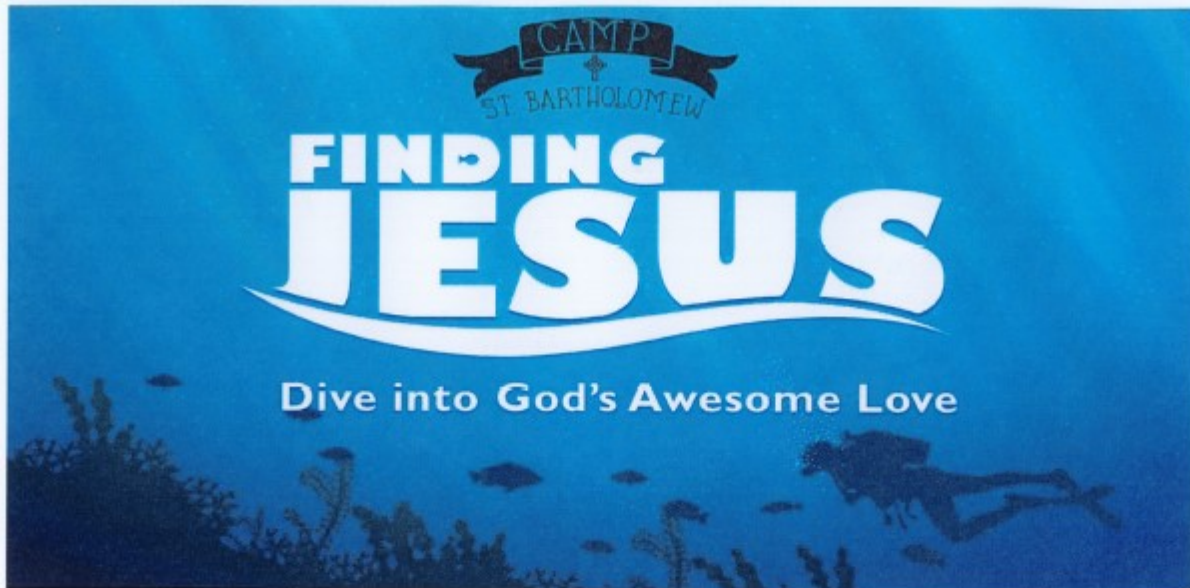
Youth wishing to be involved in the skit will be required to come to practice on Sunday the 9th of June at 10:30am. All youth participating no matter what their role will be required to practice on Wednesday June 19th at 6:30pm. If you wish to participate in Youth Sunday, but are unable to attend the meeting please contact me so I can sign you up.

Kingdom Bound will be here before you know it. If you are still interested in joining us please contact me so I can give you an information packet and all the other paperwork that will need to be completed for the event. The cost for the event is \$250 and that includes tickets for the event, food and lodging. A \$25 registration fee is needed to secure your spot and is needed ASAP. Financial assistance is available so please let myself or Father Ward know how we can help, so we can make sure no one is left out of this great event.



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

In Christ, Liz



The best week of the summer!

~New friends ~ Amazing experiments ~ Creative games
~ Surprising adventures ~ Incredible music

Children age 3 through 5th grade
are invited to our free VBS at
St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church
Located at 2368 Eggert Road in Tonawanda

Vacation Bible School will last from
Sunday, July 14th—Wednesday, July 17th | From 6-8:15pm
Family Dinners at 5:15pm

To register go to www.stbartston.org
Questions contact Liz Burkett at 831-1777 or
dce@stbartston.org

PRAYER CORNER



PRAYER MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT PRAYER WALKING

QAn Interview with Scott Stolz

Q. What made you interested in Prayer Walking?

A. Before I came to St. Bartholomew's, I would spend 4 to 6 hours every day walking for exercise while listening to music. After joining St. Bartholomew's, I began to listen to the sermon archive on those walks. Eventually, I downloaded an audio bible application for my phone and began listening to God's Word. However, when a friend told me that they pray during their runs/walks, I thought "That is something I could also be doing during that time."

Q. How has Prayer Walking changed your prayer life & relationship with God?

A. Prayer walking has changed my prayer life and relationship with God through building my discipline and giving me a sense of what it means to be truly seeking after the Lord. When I go on these long walks, two things from scripture come to mind. The first is Genesis 5:24 – "Enoch walked with God, then he was no more, for God took him away." I picture Enoch as being a man that was truly seeking the Lord with his whole heart, strength, soul, and mind. I imagine he spent the majority of his days literally walking beside God on the Earth, seeking to know Him. The second is of Jesus fasting for 40 days and 40 nights in the wilderness in Matthew 4:1-11. Given the lack of technology in Jesus's time, I imagine that he spent the majority of this time walking and praying. Praying in this way for hours at a time takes both a physical toll (prolonged exercise) and a mental toll (focusing one's thoughts this long). We must remember that when we pray, we are engaging in spiritual warfare against Satan and the forces of darkness. Thus, when I pray in this way, it helps to keep me cognizant of that fact.

Q. What can a person expect when they engage with the Lord this way?

A. The prayer walk meetings work a bit differently than when I pray in this way on my own. Once everyone has gathered at the central meeting location in the community we plan to pray for, I open the meeting with a relevant reading from scripture and then I lead the group in an opening prayer. Similar to how Jesus sent out his disciples two by two in Mark 6:7-13, we then split up into pairs/family groups, and walk in different directions from the central meeting point in order to pray for the communities through which we are walking. These walks last about an hour in length, and participants may either pray silently or aloud in their pairing/family group as the Spirit leads them. While we do not ask people we encounter if they would like prayer, there have been occasions where people have approached us, asking what it is we are doing, and have asked us to pray over them. We conclude each meeting by rejoining the group at the central meeting location, sharing how we witnessed the Holy Spirit moving during the walk, and then I close the meeting in prayer. The Holy Spirit is certainly present during these meetings, and they are both physically and spiritually rejuvenating.

Q. Would you encourage others to come before God in this way of praying?

A. I would definitely encourage others to come before the Lord in this manner of praying. As St. Paul encouraged Timothy in 1 Timothy 4:8, prayer walking builds both bodily discipline and spiritual discipline. Prayer walking also helps the church to grow in unity through fellowship and allowing participants to meet other members of the church they may not have previously known. Jesus commissioned us in Matthew 28:19 to "Go and make disciples". While we do not directly approach people, the prayer walk meetings provide opportunity to take Jesus outside the four walls of the church.

Prayer Walking Verses

Genesis 5:24 2 Chronicles 7:14 Jeremiah 29:7 Matthew 4:1-11 Mark 4:14-20
Mark 6:7-13 Mark 16:15-18 Colossians 4:3-4 1 Timothy 2:1-4 1 Timothy 4:8

May Birthdays

May 1 Susan Horvath, Sydney Lakeman

May 2 Charlene Hodgson, Brian Wallace

May 3 Charles Abramo, Jack Gradzewicz

May 4 Andrew McHenry, Elizabeth Merrick,
Cynthia Symons, Susan Uptegrove

May 5 Joan Calamita, Rosemary Davis,
Rachel Teall, Valerie Ulrich

May 6 Daniel Borzilleri, Monte Dolce

May 7 Alicia Matesic

May 8 Isabella Kepner

May 9 Brandon Heacock, Harry Sam, Robert
Siegel

May 11 Kathleen MacPhee, Caroline Rudin,
Lucas Sommer, Scott Ulrich

May 12 Mary DiPiano, Amy Giambanco

May 13 Anthony Oliveri

May 14 Gretchen Beyer, Charlotte Isaacs

May 15 James Winkler

May 16 Donald Gwizdowski,
Alexander MacPhee, Julie VanLente,
Jeffrey Westerman

May 17 Michael Giambanco, Evelyn Luckoski,
Anna Okiec, Vanessa VanNorman

May 20 Marion Blake, Victoria VanNorman

May 21 Donald Beyer

May 23 Bradley Smith, Victoria Martino

May 24 Michelle McCarthy

May 25 Betty Herrmann, Angel Hoy,
Nicole Santora, Benjamin Sawicki

May 26 Gerald Ciccarelli, Daniel McCarthy,
Matthew Rudin, Denise Scully

May 27 Edward Doran, Barbara Weiser

May 28 Jessica Sawicki, Sharon Scott,
Joyce Wahl

May 29 Patricia Buckley

May 30 Marie Prout

May 31 Christine Cross-Tedesco



June 1 Candace Kane, Mary Krause,
Linda McGee

June 2 Abby Hoy, William Ruhland,
Craig Schwab

June 3 Emily Bush, Robert Krieger,
Chailyn Seymour, Chase Seymour,
Chyler Seymour, Jennifer Stacks

June 4 Pam Machelor, Michael Spence Jr.

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

MAY CALENDAR

May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am SS 9:30am Bible Study 1:30pm Sudanese Service	6	7 6:30pm Men's Discipleship, Cmty. Crime Watch 7pm Vestry	8 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6pm Jr. Choir 6:30pm Youth Group 6:45pm Missionettes, Parents in Prayer 7pm Sr. Choir	9 6:30pm Northtown Pregnancy Center Banquet Grand Hotel Buffalo	10 7:00pm Resound Worship Night	11 9am Mother's Day Breakfast 4:30pm HE
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19 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am SS 9:30am Bible Study 1:30pm Sudanese Service	20 7pm Prayer for Revival	21 6:30pm Men's Discipleship	22 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group 7pm Sr. Choir	23 Piano Recital: Eileen Arnold	24	25 4:30pm HE
26 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am SS 9:30am Bible Study 1:30pm Sudanese Service	27 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED NO Movie Tonight	28 2pm Parkinson's Mtg. 6:30pm Men's Discipleship, Women's Bible Study	29 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6pm Adoration 6:30pm Youth Group 7pm Sr. Choir	30	31 11am Intercessory Prayer	BIRTHDAYS ARE ON THE BACK OF GENERATION NEXT NEWS

PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR

May

Great Encouragement

What a privilege it is to provide encouragement to suffering believers like this Pakistani woman. Action Packs, which are packed by American Christians with necessities such as soap, paper, clothing and a blanket, may seem like a small gift, but they provide great encouragement to persecuted Christians. Many believers have gratefully told VOM workers how God has used these Action Packs to provide them with a needed shirt at the right time or a blanket just before winter.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 SRI LANKA Pray that churches will focus on discipleship and developing godly leaders.	6 RAMADAN BEGINS The Muslim month of fasting begins today. Pray that Muslims will hunger for the truth found not in Islam, but only in Jesus Christ.	7 UZBEKISTAN Pray that God will use the church's athletic, humanitarian and medical outreaches to transform society.	8 UGANDA Pray for those being trained to minister to Christian converts from Islam.	9 AFGHANISTAN Pray for the salvation of God's people as well as members of the Taliban and al-Qaida.	10 INDIA "Pray that God would heal me." —Persecuted believer	11 MYANMAR Pray for young people who are more attracted to economic opportunities than ministry work.
12 IRAN Pray that Bibles will be available in every city in Iran.	13 MEXICO Pray that God will open doors for those distributing Bibles in the mountains of Chiapas, where Christians face violent opposition.	14 INDONESIA Pray for Abraham Moses, sentenced to four years in prison on a blasphemy conviction.	15 TAJIKISTAN Pray for the spiritual and physical renewal of church leaders.	16 LAOS Pray that the Holy Spirit will work through radio messages to reach hearts and encourage believers.	17 MAURITANIA Pray for the repeal of apostasy laws, which carry the death penalty for former Muslims.	18 NEPAL Pray that the government will show favor to Christians, as persecution is increasing.
19 PAKISTAN Pray for Christian converts from Islam who share the gospel with Muslims.	20 BAHRAIN Pray that the church will equip believers for effective ministry.	21 DJIBOUTI Pray that Somali and Eritrean refugees will have the opportunity to hear the gospel in Djibouti.	22 NORTH KOREA Pray for North Korean defectors who commit to being missionaries to their own people.	23 EGYPT "Pray for my unswayed family members." —Christian convert from Islam	24 UZBEKISTAN Pray that government reforms will help change negative attitudes toward evangelical Christians.	25 MALI Pray for churches in the south that minister to displaced Christians in the north.
26 SRI LANKA Pray for growth and maturity within the indigenous church.	27 KYRGYZSTAN Pray that Christians will reach out to their persecutors with the love of Christ.	28 EGYPT Pray for Christian families forced to flee the city of Arish because of extremists.	29 LEBANON Pray that Muslim Syrian refugees will respond to the gospel.	30 COLOMBIA Pray that Colombia's leaders will not have ties to drug-running rebel groups.	31 BAHRAIN Pray that the royal family will become followers of Christ.	

The Voice of the Martyrs  [icommittopray.com](http://www.icommittopray.com)

Prayer for the Persecuted Church will meet Monday, May 13 at 7pm. All are invited to attend.

A little humor goes a long way

