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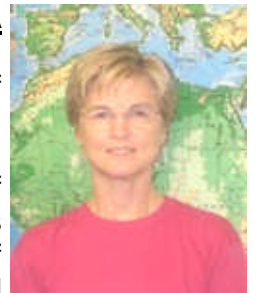
THE WINDOWS ARE IN - AND THEY ARE AWESOME -- THANKS BE TO GOD!

On Friday, December 4 - a crew, lead by Ned Wood, Tom Bell, and Jerry Ciccarelli - installed the much anticipated windows in St. Bart's Sanctuary. They are truly magnificent! The windows were dedicated at the 11 AM service on Sunday, December 20—our first anniversary at the Eggert Rd. Church

Many thanks to Ned and Susan Osberg (both pictured here) for their part in the making of these windows. Ned - in the design and drawing, and Susan for the stained glass painting and leading of the windows. Thank you, Thank You, Thank you!

MISSIONARY TO UGANDA VISITS ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S

Susan Morris, of Jacksonville, Florida, visited St. Bart's on Sunday, December 13. Susan, a representative of SOMA, (Sharing of Ministries Abroad) and SAMS (Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders) will be headed to Kampala, Uganda, in May of 2010, and will stay there for at least three years.



Susan will be serving in the *Office International Relations* for the Church of Uganda, and will be facing many challenges that are not found living in the USA. Until she moves to Uganda, she will be visiting churches throughout the United States to raise prayer and financial support, as well as getting the word out of the need for relationships across borders with our African brothers and sisters in the Anglican Communion.

If you would like to keep track of Susan's progress toward her goal of leaving for foreign shores—check out her website at www.anglicanteams.blogspot.com/ . You can also visit SAMS at www.sams-usa.org or SOMA at www.somausa.org

THE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION OCCURS ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH!

131 bags of food, and 1 cash donation were taken to the Food Pantry in December. **You read that correctly—131 bags of food!!! 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.

The Food Pantry received extra donations of Pet Food—so they are giving away this food to Senior Citizens who can't afford to feed 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.

HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR PLEDGE CARD?

There are still quite a few in our Parish Family who have not sent in their offering pledge cards for 2010. Please do so as soon as possible, if you would like offering envelopes. Thank You!



GENERATION NEXT— JANUARY SCHEDULE

JANUARY 11 - Seniors meet - 7 to 9:00 PM
JANUARY 20 - Juniors meet - 7 to 8:30 PM
JANUARY 25 - Seniors meet - 7 to 9 :00 PM
JANUARY 18 - FAMILY SKI TRIP at Kissing Bridge. All members of St. Bart's are welcome to attend. We will meet at the church at 7 AM and leave St. Bart's by 7:30 AM; returning to the church by 6:00 PM



MISSIONETTE NEWS

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas with your family and friends. Missionettes



will be meeting at 6:45 on the 6th and 20th of January. The Stars will continue to work on their Esther badge. The Prims will finish working on their helpers badge. If you would like more information about Missionettes, please call Kathleen Ward at 623-0507.



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PPC – "Prayer for the Persecuted Church" corner –

This ministry is thrilled to announce a VERY special event on Sunday, January 31st beginning at 4:00 pm in Fr. Amend Hall. We will have at least one special missionary speaker, 4 areas of information and interaction, a special children's program upstairs and refreshments including foods from various countries. Nursery will also be available.

The PPC has been planning this event for months and it is a big undertaking, but we all feel that its purpose is very important and is right in step with the mission of St. Bart's in supporting missions and evangelism.

We ask for your prayer support of this event and we also pray that you will put it on your calendar as an event to attend as it is also an area that is close to the Lord's heart. Jesus said in Matthew 5:10, "Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

The Apostle Paul also said in Ephesians 6:18, "With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,"

Watch for further details. Anyone with a desire to help with this event, please see Shelie Brindisi or Marilyn Commins.

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION MINISTRY

(Sunday School)



The **Children's Education Ministry** is selling prayer hands and bookmarks for \$1.00 during the Coffee Hours. This is the way the children can participate in the "Let Us Arise and Build" campaign. In chapel, we are building a church out of blocks. We add 1 block for every \$3.00 we raise. All the money will go toward the CEM ministry and the children will benefit directly from your donations.

If anyone has received an email regarding where your Operation Christmas Child shoebox was delivered please place a pin on that country on the map outside the Guild's gift shop. Thank you!

Upcoming Events:

- **NO CLASSES on December 27th**
- **or January 3rd.**
- **Our annual WINTER BEACH BLAST will be in February – watch for details**

THE BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD

Our Annual Cookie Gathering was enjoyed by many. The cookies and punch were delicious and Ron Hermann's program of Christmas music was excellent. Thanks those who delivered the boxes of cookies to the shut-ins.

The Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) lapel pins are available for \$4 each. See the basket on the Gift Shop front counter.

COMING EVENTS:

Sunday, January 24, 2010—Soup Sale. We will be offering Soup Chef Jim Glownia's delicious Seafood Bisque and Minestrone soup for sale **after** services that day. "And he makes some GREAT soup!" (Fr. Ward)

May - Annual Plant Sale

June - Spring Banquet

Check out the Gift Shop after services on Sundays and Wednesdays. We appreciate donations of merchandise to replenish our shelves after the holiday sales.

Threads of Hope (located in the house behind St. Peter's Church on Longmeadow) still needs gently used linens (especially twin bed sheets), blankets, towels, dish towels, small appliances, kitchen items, etc. Please check the Kiosk in Fr. Amend Hall for a folder on their ministry. For more information and delivery, please call Carol Siock (835-2105).

Please continue to support the *Bundles for Babies* project that makes up bundles for the less fortunate in our communities. NOTE: The basket for baby items is now in the Gift Shop. Diapers are especially needed. These items are taken to the Network of Religious Communities Office on Delaware where the bundles are made up. We have also been donating baby items, especially diapers to Cornerstone Manor. Thanks for all of the donations. They are greatly appreciated.

DECEMBER VESTRY MEETING:

The electrical work, wheel chair ramp and the sealing and repointing of the building have been completed.

A plaque will be placed on the wall designating the former *Great Hall* as *Fr. Amend Hall*.

The stained glass windows were installed on Friday, December 4.

The purchase of a new power amplifier was approved to replace the old one, which is not strong enough for the present space.

The Pledge letter for 2010 has been mailed out along with a copy of the 2010 budget.

END OF YEAR STATEMENTS FOR 2009

We hope that all statements will be received in an accurate and timely manner! We have been advised that all statements regarding income must be issued by January 31. Donation statements are not bound by the same rules. We understand that all would hope to have their statements by January 31, but if they are a bit late, we can provide a number for you to call for the year's total. Thank you for your patience.



Annual Giving Statements



Adult Inquirers & New Members Class

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A FULL MEMBER OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S?

Fr. Ward will be leading the *Adult Inquirers' and New Members Class* beginning Sunday January 31, 2010 at 1:00 PM. This will prepare the members of the class to be confirmed or received into the Church, along with our children's class, May 23, Pentecost Sunday, later this year.

If you are interested in attending this class, please contact the church office at 831-1777 or speak with Fr. Ward.



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S MINISTRY FAIR -

Come and join us on Sunday, January 17.

All Ministry Leaders please speak to Michelle McCarthy, Shelie Brindisi, or Marilyn Commins; to be sure your ministry will be represented at the Fair!

Mens' Discipleship Breakfast



CALLING ALL MEN

Men of St. Bartholomew's are invited to come and bring their friends for our next Men's Discipleship Breakfast on Saturday, January 9, from 8 AM to 9:30 AM. Our Rector, Fr. Ward will be our featured speaker, addressing "*Leadership: A Man's Responsibility.*"

Sign up sheets are on the table in Fr. Amend Hall. Cost of the breakfast is only \$5.00.

