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## LENTEN FRIDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY



**THE HOLY LAND  
A SCRIPTURAL  
AND VISUAL  
JOURNEY,  
FRIDAY NIGHTS  
BEGINNING FEB. 27,  
AT 7:00 PM!**

- Come and see what the Holy Land is really like.
- Learn about God's purposes for the "land of milk and honey" and for His people in it.

Come and join Fr Ward, and the clergy of St. Bartholomew's as we examine God's Word and explore the Land of the Bible. Using the Holy Bible and multi-media presentations, we will take a "birds' eye view" of the places of the Bible, the people, and the events that God used throughout history - in His awesome plan for our redemption.

The Lenten "covered dish" dinners will be at 6PM.

We will once again be having our special "Kids Lenten Series" again during the Adult Bible Study, entitled "Fruit of the Spirit."



## KIDS LENTEN SERIES

Got plans for the next 6 Friday nights during Lent?? We sure hope those plans are to attend the Friday night Bible Study and to let your kids come to the Kids Lenten Series.

This year we will discover "the Fruit of the Spirit". We will have activities, games and snacks. We've got the Fruit! Join us! (upstairs in room #23 beginning at 7:00 pm for Pre-K through 8th). Any questions:

Speak with Marilyn Commins

## LENTEN WED. HOLY EUCARIST SCHEDULE

6:45 AM, 9:30 AM, &  
5:30 PM Every  
Wednesday



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

61 bags of food, and 2 cash donations were taken to the Food Pantry in February.

The Food Pantry is still very much 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.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - 2009**

Please be sure to mark your calendars - VBS is coming! This year's theme is "Crocodile Dock" and it will be held from Sunday, June 28 to Thursday, July 2, 2009. For more

information - or to volunteer, Please speak with David Curtis or Jim Kibby.



*Maundy Thursday Seder*

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Please come and join us for a very special meal on **Maundy Thursday** evening, April 9, at 5:30 PM.

We will gather in the Great Hall, to celebrate the Passover meal as Jesus and the Apostles did - with an understanding of the significance of the Seder on this special night.

Be sure to watch Parish Life and next month's CHATTER for more details and when and where sign-up sheets will be.

Come and join us for our Second Annual Passover Seder, the first in our new home. At the conclusion of the Seder, we will proceed into the Nave of the Church, so that we may share in the Lord's Supper.



**prayer for the persecuted church**

**PPC - "Prayer for the Persecuted Church" corner -**

Check our display board and table in the lobby and **join us** for prayer and purpose of mission in the **Fellowship Hall** the first Monday of every month. Check the display board to see how you can help with our next project.

Next meeting: Monday, March 2, at 7:30 pm.

There are so many needs for prayer in so many countries that

we will offer specific prayer points each month that will cover a few countries.

**Prayer Points:** China, Pakistan, India, Saudi Arabia

- Praise God for the life of Hua Zaichen. Praise to God also that his wife, Shuang Shuying, was released from prison and did get to see her husband the day before he went to be with the Lord.
- Weeks after 14-year-old Naomi was gang-raped in front of her parents, Pakistani police have still failed to detain any suspects.
- A young Christian man from Kandhamal district has been beaten and abducted by extremists, but the police show no interest in searching for him. Golyat Pradhan's house was surrounded by a mob who demanded that he convert to Hinduism, and when he refused, Mr. Pradhan was dragged out of his house and beaten, and then taken away.
- A young woman from Jeddah accepted the offer of a ride from a young man who then kidnapped her. He and four of his friends raped her for an entire night. The 23-year-old woman is now pregnant, and has been sentenced for adultery by Jeddah courts for accepting a ride from a stranger.



**GENERATION NEXT — IMPORTANT DATES**

**March 2 "fun night" both groups**

**Seniors: March 9, 16 & 23**

**Juniors: March 11 & 25**

**March 20 – 22: Discipleship Ski Weekend at Peek ~ n ~ Peak**

**March 27 & 28: 30 Hour Famine**

**NO MEETING March 30**

**THE BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD**

Our annual *Soup Luncheon* will be on Saturday, March 21 at 12:00 noon. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table. Please sign up so our *Soup Chef, Jim Glownia* will know how much soup to make. There will be entertainment.

Our Guild Banquet will be on Thursday, June 4 at Rizzo's Banchetti on North French Rd. There will be more information in the May Chatter.

Thanks to all who have been donating items to our Gift Shop! More donations are welcome. We have been having requests for baby blankets. Please call Marilyn Alliger (877-8335) or Bonnie Fleischman (875-6402) for details and check our *store hours*.

Coming Events:

**March 21 - Annual Soup Luncheon (date changed from 3/14)**

May 15-16 - Plant Sale

June 4 - Annual Banquet

Please continue to support the *Bundles for Babies* project that makes up bundles for the less fortunate in our communities. Baby items may be left in the basket which is 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. Thanks for all of the donations. They are greatly appreciated.

**FEBRUARY VESTRY MEETING**

The entire amount of \$9,215 for the new sign has been raised! Thanks be to God!

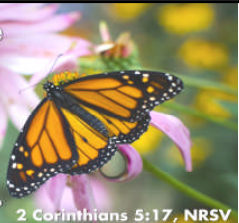
The Building Committee reported that the estimated cost of the potential projects will be \$250,000. Estimates are being received for outside crosses. Windows in some of the interior doors will be installed. Cost are being checked.

The Vestry voted to send the Advent/Christmas offerings to *the Buffalo City Mission, WNY Food Bank, and Fr. Ward's Discretionary Fund*.

As of 2/18/09, 261 pledges for \$538,896 compared to 258 pledges for \$443,000 for all of 2003.

**Bishop William Atwood will be coming on March 13-15 to visit and give an update on the Anglican Church in North America.**

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.



**Men's Fellowship and Bible Study**



**Prayer and Pool Night:**

The Men's Fellowship and Bible Study in place of our regular meeting on the last Tuesday of each month will be having a Prayer and Pool Night in the youth center, beginning on March 31 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Please join us for Bible and Billiards. For more information, contact Jim Thompson (689-9652).

**MISSIONETTE NEWS**



Missionettes will only meet on March 4th the first Wednesday this month. Mrs. McCarthy will be teaching the Stars their next unit on Cooking. It should be a lot of fun working in our new big kitchen. The Prims are finishing their badge on Sportsmanship. During this unit we have learned the importance of being fair, encouraging our teammates, not being a sore loser, and not bragging when we win. If you are interested in having your daughter become involved in Missionettes, please contact Kathleen Ward @ 623-0507.

**BISHOP BILL ATWOOD IS COMING TO VISIT US!**



Our Bishop, William Atwood (pictured left, next to our Archbishop, Gregory Venables) will be visiting St. Bartholomew's March 13 through March 15, and tentatively on Sunday June 7, for Holy Confirmation.

Bishop Atwood will be with us on Friday, March 13, for our Lenten Bible Study, and he will lead a Healing Eucharist on Sat. March 14. We will be blessed to have him preaching at all three services on Sunday, March 15. Please come and join us!



Have you lost keys? Eyeglasses? A Scarf? St. Bart's Lost and Found Box is in the Usher's Closet - near the main entrance. You will see the box on the shelf - labeled "Lost & Found." We would love to re-connect you with your lost items.

