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## Department

### FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Our choirs are off to a great start! The Junior Choir has 31 members, and our Senior Choir has 25! God has truly blessed us with youth and adults who are dedicated to singing His praises. *"One who sings prays twice"*

Our annual Thanksgiving Day recital is fast approaching. Please plan on coming to the Thanksgiving service 1/2 hour early and enjoy some sacred music prepared for God's glory and your edification/ The special music will begin promptly at 9:30 AM on November 26.

If you would like to join us in the Senior Choir for the Advent/ Christmas season you are welcome to be a part of our praise for the holidays. We will not pressure you into staying longer! (*Only if you want to!*) If you enjoy Christmas music and would like to sing with us, please plan on coming to rehearsal starting on Wednesday, November 25 at 7:00 PM. We will make room for you! Singing on pitch is the only requirement.

*Terry Gamble*  
Music Director

### THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE MADE THE "LET US ARISE AND BUILD" MISSION INITIATIVE A GREAT SUCCESS!

In September we began a three year mission initiative to improve the facility and grounds of our new church home. We recalled how the Lord God has sustained and led us during the last five decades, and we looked forward to the future – highlighting the vision and mission of St. Bartholomew's as a Christ-centered and Bible - believing Anglican Church. We also looked at how Nehemiah and the people of God responded to the task of rebuilding the broken down walls of Jerusalem. They said, *"Let us arise and build!"* I am happy to report that many of our members have done the same - not only in time and effort, but in their financial support. To date, 209 commitments have been made towards the *"Let Us Arise and Build"* mission initiative, totaling \$680,831. And so thank you to all who have answered the call, and thank you, Lord! We have been truly blessed by the faithfulness of our committed members.

In Christ's service,  
*Fr. Ward*

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

**53 bags of food, and 2 monetary donations** were taken to the Food Pantry in October.

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.

**WEDDING BELLS ARE RINGING!**

Congratulations to Mr. Jonathan and Mrs. Melissa (Calabrese) Douglas.

On Saturday, October 10 at 3 P M , t h e y exchanged vows of Holy Matrimony at St. Bartholomew's.

Fr. Ward officiated, assisted by Deacon John Reitz.



**GENERATION NEXT— NOVEMBER SCHEDULE**

**November 2 – Fun Night**— from 6-8 PM at the Rainbow Rink, Oliver St. N. Tonawanda.

**November 9** — Seniors Meet from 7-9 PM

**November 16** — Seniors Meet from 7-9 PM

**November 23** — Seniors Meet from 7-9 PM

**November 30** — Seniors Meet from 7-9 PM

**November 4** — Juniors Meet—7– 8:30 PM

**November 18**— Juniors Meet—7– 8:30 PM

Spaghetti Dinner—**Sunday November 15**, following the 11:00 AM service. Come and break bread with our Bishop, Bill Atwood.



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

Check our display board and table in the lobby. Heck the display board to see how you can help with our next project.

The PPC has decided to take a short hiatus from the monthly meetings. Our meetings should resume in January with a HUGE kickoff event. Watch for further details on this. This will be an exciting event you will NOT want to miss!

**MISSIONETTE NEWS**



Missionettes is off and running. We had our first meeting on September 16th and were really



excited about meeting some new friends and being with our old friends again. The Prims (1st-3rd grades) are working on their safety badge and the Stars (4th-6th grades) are working on their music badge. If you are interested in signing up your daughter for this ministry, please contact Kathleen Ward @623-0507.

**CHILDREN'S EDUCATION MINISTRY** (Sunday School)

The **CEM** 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 from your donations.



CEM will be participating in **Operation Christmas Child** again this year. This outreach program fills shoeboxes that are given to boys and girls that otherwise would not receive a gift at Christmas. \$7.00 must be included with each shoebox filled. Please see brochures for gift items and directions. We will also be partnering with the Youth Group and the Upper Room Ministry during the Spaghetti Dinner and you can receive \$1.00 off your ticket price for donating a filled shoebox. Certificates will be given to everyone who donates a filled shoebox. See Marilyn Commins for your certificate.

**THE BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD**

Thanks to all those who have been supporting our Gift Shop. The Christmas items should be out soon. Stop by and see us after or before services on Sunday and Wednesday.

Our Annual Cookie Gathering , when we bring cookies to make up boxes for our shut-ins, and enjoy a few during our annual Christmas program on Tuesday, December 8, at 7:00 PM. We will be enjoying Christmas music by Christian tenor, Ron Herman. Please bring 3 dozen cookies.

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

We have been informed that *Threads of Hope* (located in the house behind St. Peter's Church on Longmeadow) is in need of gently used linens (especially twin bed sheets), blankets, towels, dish towels, small appliances, kitchen items, etc. They have had a large demand for these items and their shelves are almost empty. Please call Carol Siock (835-2105) or Edith Manning (873-0449) about delivery.

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. We have also been donating baby items, especially diapers to Cornerstone Manor. Thanks for all of the donations. They are greatly appreciated.

**OCTOBER VESTRY MEETING**

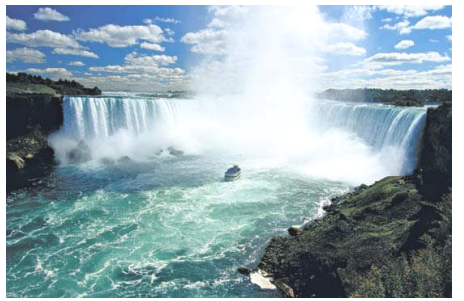
The parking lot has been repaired, resurfaced and striped. The electrical work is in progress. The plans for the Wheel Chair Ramp were reviewed and the ramp will be started as soon as possible. The entire building will also be sealed this Fall. The Annual Church Budget for 2010 was approved. The clergy and three of their spouses will be attending a *Clergy and Spouse Retreat* led by Bishop Atwood and other Bishops of the ACNS at Ridgecrest, NC, October 19-22.

**REQUEST FROM THE COUNTERS**

The counters of the Sunday collections would appreciate those who write checks, to put their envelope number in the memo line of the check. Also, please use the *blue envelope* for the *Let Us Arise and Build* contributions.

**N I A G A R A  
FALLS TRIP-**

WOW! What a great afternoon Gino and I spent on Sat., July 18! We went on a Biblical



Geological Field Trip to Niagara Falls with Terry Kanouse, born again at age 12, a pastor of 6 years experience and a Niagara Falls Tour Guide of 10 years. He has done extensive research on Niagara Falls as well as the Biblical Flood and is currently working on a book "Niagara Falls and Noah's Flood."

We met at Whitehaven Road Baptist Church where he gave us some history of the area, his work and led us in a short prayer. Off to the Aquarium (where the parking is free) followed by a walk over the bridge to a park where we caught a trolley to the Maid of the Mist. This is the only charge - \$13.50 for an adult. All along Terry is giving wonderful descriptions and evidence of Noah's Flood in the rock strata and fossil formation. He associated everything we saw with evidence of the Falls formation with Noah's Flood. Off then to Whirlpool Park where the view is spectacular and where Terry gives us a lot of area history (of which we were unaware.)

The tour takes about 4 hours which passes very quickly and is most enjoyable. (He tells wonderful jokes as well!)

As mentioned, the Maid of the Mist is the only charge (much fun); however donations to Terry and his work and ministry are very much appreciated. Every Saturday at 1 PM, through August this excursion will embark. Think about this for next year! Call 284-3503 to make reservations. The trips are 4 hours of fun for the whole family, with fantastic info on Niagara Falls, its history, fascinating evidence on how the Bible and the Flood described in Genesis is reasonable and believable.

God Bless You!

*Muriel (and Gino) Forte*

**MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP BREAKFASTS**

Men—mark your calendars for 3 Saturday mornings 8:00 to 9:30 AM.

**November 14**—our guest speaker will be our own Bishop Bill Atwood.

**December 12**—speaker will be Fr. Molison.

**January 9**—speaker will be Fr. Ward.



