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II GUYS FROM PETRA RETURN!

Saturday night, October 3, will be a special night at St. Bart's! Grammy and Dove Award winners John Schlitt and Bob Hartman, from the band Petra will be performing live at St. Bart's.



This will be SPECIAL, as these **II Guys** return for their **THIRD** visit to St. Bart's. They have become real friends of the ministry here at St. Bart's and they wanted to help us celebrate our new building. They will also be leading us in worship as well on Sunday morning at 9:15 and 11:15 AM.

Opening our evening will be our own "*Immanuel*," John and Bob will play the rest of the evening - so come prepared to be blessed mightily! They will be singing acoustic versions of many of Petra's hits, as well as songs from their CD *Vertical Expressions*, which they introduced here at St. Bart's in Jan. 07. They will have Petra merchandise, and John's new solo release *The Grafting*, available for purchase as well.

Tickets, on sale now, are only \$15.00 Call the church office at 831-1777 for more information, or speak with Deacon Reitz or Fr. Commins.

EPIC EVENTS ~ A GREAT CELEBRATION AND MORE!

We hope you had an opportunity to attend one of the Epic Events. They were superb, and we thank all of the volunteers and team members who helped to plan and give us these great events. But wait... there's more! Sunday, October 4, we are planning a celebration that will mark the fruition of our faith journey, mission initiative, called "*Let Us Arise And Build*."

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Earlier in the day, at the three services, the members of St. Bart's will come forward and make their commitments to this three year program—and that is indeed cause for celebration. Lunch will be served at 1 PM, with a time of music and fellowship. You will not want to miss the festivities celebrating the milestones of this faith journey:

- 1) **First Milestone** (\$650,000) - which will enable us to improve and modernize our church as well as tithe to missions and outreach.
- 2) **Challenge Milestone** (\$1 Million) - all of the above and retire our mortgage.
- 3) **Summit Milestone** (\$1.5 Million) - all of above and expand our worship space.

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

48 bags of food, and 2 monetary donations were taken to the Food Pantry in September.

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.

ST. BART'S IS GOING TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IN 2010!

Youth group members and adults from St. Bart's will be embarking on a mission trip, April 16 – 26, 2010. This is an exciting opportunity for St. Bart's to carry the light of Christ and His Word to another part of the world.



There will be a meeting on Monday Night, October, 5, at 7 PM in the Nave of the church to share more about the trip. Jeff Hackett from Score International will go over the details of the trip.

If you have questions about this exciting opportunity to be a living part of Christ's Great Commission, please speak with Deacon John Reitz or Fr. Ward.



GENERATION NEXT— OCTOBER SCHEDULE

October 5 – Movie Night 7-9 PM (Seniors and Jr's) Parents will meet regarding upcoming Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic, April 16-26, 2010.

October 12 – Columbus Day—No Meeting.

October 16 – Creationfest, Rochester—6-11 PM \$25 per person

October 19— Seniors Meet from 7-9 PM

October 21— Juniors Meet—7– 8:30 PM

October 26— Seniors Meet—7-9 PM



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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 in order to reevaluate the operation of this ministry and its direction in order to enable the congregation to participate in a more meaningful way. 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!

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES



FALL
MINISTRIES

Life at St. Bart's is certainly full of opportunities! Check out *some of the active ministries* that you can become a part of:

- **Men's Discipleship Group**— meets Tuesdays at 6:30 PM
- **Women's Ministry** meets every other Tuesday at 6:30PM
- **Beth Moore Women's Study**—Wednesdays at 10:30 AM (after service) and Thursdays at 6:30 PM
- **Homebuilders**— married couples meet the 3rd Sunday of each month at the home of Deacon and Cathy Reitz
- **Prayer for the Persecuted Church**— see the board in the church entrance. (see article above)
- **Sunday Bible Study**— each Sunday from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM
- **The Prayer Room**—can you spend One Hour with the Lord? sign up today (article on page 3)

BEFORE YOU THROW OUT THE PAPER....

You need to know that recycling makes cents! Did you know that St. Bartholomew's **GETS PAID** to recycle?



Throughout the building are boxes in which we are conscientiously putting sheets of paper instead of just tossing it in the trash. Even the CEM (Sunday School) has boxes outside their classroom doors. **AND YOU CAN HELP TOO!**

In our parking lot is a Green and Yellow Paper Retriever Bin—and we invite you to contribute all your:

- magazines
- mail (you may want to shred the personal stuff)
- newspapers
- office/school paper.

So before you toss out that old copy of the CHATTER—out it in the bin. **Thank You.**

THE BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD

The Guild Board isn't planning any fall activities because we're in the midst of the *Let Us Arise and Build* faith journey/ mission initiative.

Please be sure to check the Gift Shop. We need seasonal items—Fall, Thanksgiving, Christmas—to sell. Thanks to all who have been bringing items to sell and help build our treasury. Stop in after the Sunday services or the Wednesday morning service and check the shelves.

The Anglican Church in North America lapel pins are in and we have them for \$4 each. See the basket on the Gift Shop front counter.

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.

SEPTEMBER VESTRY MEETING

An update on the work to the building and grounds was given by Gino Forte. The repairs to the roof are almost complete. The parking lot has been repaired, resurfaced and restriped. A complete redo is on hold. The electrical system has to have major updating and bids are being received for the work. Thanks to Tom Houston and Bill Ruhland for laying the new tile in the main entrance foyer. (thanks also to Janelle Westerman for her help in grouting the new tile.) An overview of *Let Us Arise and Build* was presented.

PRAYER ROOM NOW A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF OUR LIFE AT ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S

Have you been to the Prayer Room, on the second floor? If you have, then I am sure that you have experienced God's Presence in a very special way. It is an opportunity to "lock out" the rest of the world, and simply be with Him for an hour. What an awesome opportunity!

There is a schedule that is hanging, near the office, on the door of what will be the Conference Room/Library, on which you can reserve your time with Him. We ask that you please reserve time only within the colored lines, unless directed differently.

You will find resources available to you in the Prayer Room, from CD's to Prayer Books, Hymnals, as well as prayer requests that have been posted. Please consider adding your name of the list.

WEDDING BELLS RING

Congratulations to Mr. Kristopher and Mrs. Kimberly (Gray) Attwood.

On Saturday, June 13, at 2 PM, they exchanged vows of Holy Matrimony at St. Bartholomew's.

Fr. Ward officiated, assisted by Father Molison.



CHILDREN'S EDUCATION MINISTRY
(formerly called Sunday School)



Our Teachers Commissioning Sunday and Giving of Bibles to our First & Seventh graders has been rescheduled. The new date is, Sunday, October 25, at both services. If you are a teacher or a substitute teacher OR you have a child in the 1st and/or 7th grades this year, PLEASE make every effort to attend one of these services.

Our first CEM Event for this new school year is the Annual Harvest Party. This will be held on Saturday, October 31, from 3:00 pm- 5:00 pm. This is a fun event for the children, but it cannot happen without parental volunteers. PLEASE sign up to help plan this event and to be there on that day.

We also welcome 5 new teachers to our fabulous teaching staff: Candice Melford, Scott Ulrich, Danielle Hyland, Sherrie Lilleck, and Justine Welch and we have 2 new teaching assistants: Lydia Matuch and John Commins. We now have a fantastic staff of 25 between the two services. We have 104 students registered so far. Have you registered your child yet? (please remember, we need a NEW form each year).

Marilyn Commins,
Director of CEM

