



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

JANUARY 2020

WHAT WILL 2020 BRING?

As we say good-bye to 2019, we look forward to the new year 2020! That number has a nice "ring" to it. We immediately think of perfect vision. And if you're like me, you hope the year is as good as that number! But what makes a year "good?" Certainly, the answer will depend on the person. The truth is God's vision for our lives is always 20/20. He sees things perfectly and always has our best interests in mind. Who can forget the words the Lord spoke through the prophet Jeremiah to the people of Judah during the dark days of the Babylonian Captivity in Jer. 29:11: *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* Do you believe that same promise is for you and your family? The challenge for us is to learn to trust the Lord especially when things aren't going the way we either planned or desired. Romans 8:28 tells us that *"God works all things together for good for those who love Him and are called according to His purpose."* In other words, as we seek the Lord and trust Him, He will be working out His perfect will for our lives even as we at times "stumble and falter." While we don't know what the New Year will bring in terms of specifics, we can know that God in Christ will be *with us and working in us* His perfect plan! And that is why every year really is 2020!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Ward

St. Bart's Web Information

www.stbartston.org

Also see our [Facebook](#) page for more!



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VESTRY



Sheridan Drive Signage: Now that we (finally) received a variance from the Town, we can consider erecting a new sign at the Sheridan Drive entrance. This will take time to work the details out (ie: design, placement, etc.) so don't expect to see anything for at least a few months!

Rivendell Students Take First Place: Congratulations to the students from Rivendell who came in first place! At a local competition between 11 schools, they gave a "mock up" presentation on how to help alleviate the potential for structural damage caused by snow buildup by utilizing a solar tube on the roof that would melt and drain the water into a gutter and downspout, which would in turn spin a turbine that causes energy to power a battery to help heat the roof-top solar tube.

Annual Pledge Letters: You will be receiving a letter requesting a reply for your financial support. By replying, not only do you help the Budget Committee to do the annual budget but you can also indicate whether or not you want to receive pledge envelopes. Your prompt response will be greatly appreciated. **Note that St. Bartholomew's gives on average of an additional \$25,000 in outreach over and above the budget outreach giving through the holiday and special offerings taken throughout the year.**

Thank You To The Outgoing Vestry Members: Jim Glownia, Richard Heer, Diane Moyer & Jeff Westerman.



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.

Virginia Boy– US Navy

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

CORNERSTONE MANOR: Please leave and label baby items in good condition in the Gift Shop.



THREADS OF HOPE: Please label items in good condition (kitchen, linens, etc.) and leave in the Gift Shop.

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



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

All material for the **FEBRUARY** Chatter should be submitted no later than **JANUARY 21**. Chatter deadline is **ALWAYS** the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Thank you.



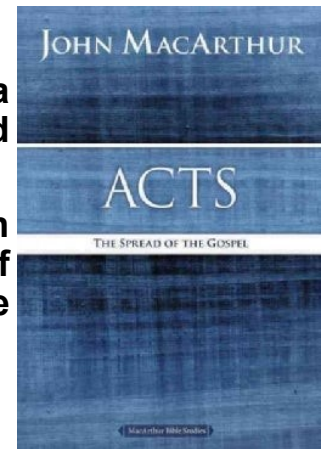
FOOD PANTRY: 32 bags of food were donated in December. *Please try to remember* the collection is the **first weekend** of each month. Thank you for your continued support.

Tuesday Night Ladies Bible Study

Our Mission: To grow ever closer to the Lord through a greater understanding of His Word with study, prayer and praise, and through fellowship with our sisters in Christ.

We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month in the fellowship room and will be continuing our study of The Acts of the Apostles. Our next meetings will be January 14 and 28, weather permitting.

It's not too late to join us.



A Prayer for America

Father in Heaven,
We, the people, in the
land of the free and
the home of the brave,
desperately need You.

Oh that we would leave our ways
of seeking to be blessed
and instead seek to bless others.
We beg for Your guidance and wisdom
for our leaders.

We ask You to protect our land
from enemies, both within and without.
And we praise you for the freedom
we have through the blood of Your Son.
May Your plan be the desire of our nation.
Amen

PRAYER FOR REVIVAL

will meet Monday, January 20 at 7pm.
Please join us as we pray for our church,
our community, our
nation, and the
world.

If we want **revival**
in our homes,
in our churches,
in our cities,
in our nation,
in our world,
it must **begin with us...**
with you
and with **me.**

Acts 3:19

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



GRIEF SHARE grief support group– Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, family member or friend. We meet Wednesdays at 7 PM at St. Bartholomew's. This is a 13-week video seminar -workbook ministry facilitated by Albert and Linda Matuch, who lost a daughter, Lydia, to cancer. Join us as we bless the Father and God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of all mercies and the God of all consolation..

We will begin again at 7pm Wednesday, January 8, 2020.



MOVIE NIGHT

Monday, January 27 at 6:30pm

Join us for pizza and a movie that is sure to entertain. And, yes, we do have popcorn!!

Generation Next News

January 2020

Events For grades 6th -12th

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

January 8th—First Gen Next of the new Year. Featuring the Movie “Overcomer”

January 17th—18th—Youth Lock-in Night starting at 7pm and ending at 10:30am on the 18th . RSVP by Jan 6th

January 19th—Bake Sale for Let them LOL Food packing event.

Save the Date — Awaken youth event February 14—15th. Cost is \$35 per person. Money is due by January 29th

Save the Date—Let them LOL Food packing event. Saturday, March 21st at 10:00am-12:00pm

For more information contact:
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Email - dce@stbartston.org

Hey there everyone! I hope you had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We have some great events coming up the next few months so be sure to put them on your calendars.



On January 8th we will be watching Overcomer. This film is about how life changes overnight for a coach John Harrison when his high school basketball team and state championship dreams are crushed under the weight of unexpected news.

When the largest manufacturing plant shuts down and hundreds of families leave their town, John questions how he and his family will face an uncertain future.

Please feel free to bring your family and friends to watch this great film. We will be watching the film in Fr. Amend Hall so bring your own comfy chair. Refreshments will also be provided. To watch the trailer for the film go to <https://www.overcomermovie.com/>

Our Survivorz Lock-In is coming up this is an event filled with fun and exciting games and activities between ‘tribes’ and spiritual growth opportunities for everyone to enjoy. Pizza and refreshments will be provided. During the event we will be baking cookies for our fundraiser for the Let Them LOL Organization. To help end child hunger around the world. Please RSVP by January 6th . There will be a bake sale to follow on Sunday the 19th.



In February we will be going to a youth event called Awaken. This is a youth conference presented by Kingdom Bound. Featuring Reggie Dabbs, North Point Inside Out, Mike Gordon and more! Awaken 2020 is a conference specifically geared for students in grades 7-12 and their leaders to encounter the overwhelming love of Christ. We’ll tackle real issues facing today’s students with Biblical truth while also equipping and empowering leaders to impact their students like never before. Awaken 2020, Awakening Hope. Go to awakencon.com for more information



Please join us for food packing fun on March 21st at Let Them LOL Volunteer Center on 5205 Harris Hill Road in Williamsville, NY. This is a great opportunity to serve those in need. We will meet at the Volunteer Center at 9:50am. Family members are welcome to join us. We will be done packing at noon.

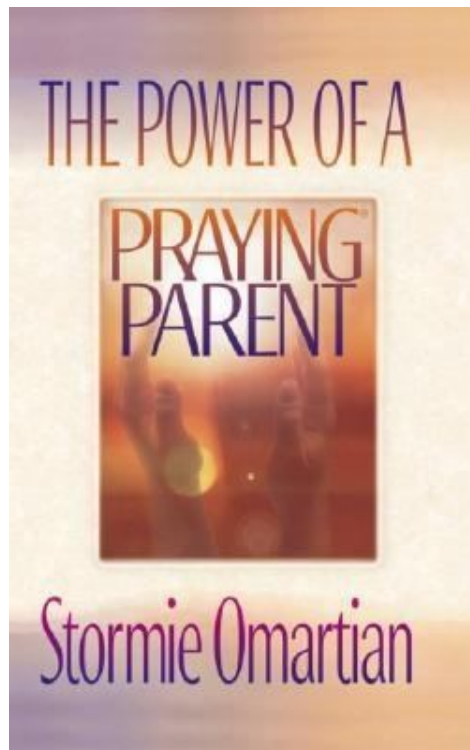
If you have any questions about these events please feel free to contact me.
In Christ, Liz

PRAYER CORNER

**“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”
Colossians 4:2**

Please consider joining our “Parents in Prayer” group which meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 6:45pm-7:45pm in the prayer room. The meetings follow the Youth Group Schedule so we only meet when there is a Youth Group meeting being held in the church but not during our meetings. During our time together we follow Stormie Omartian’s book, *The Power of a Praying Parent* as a guide which provides different topics to pray over each week. Topics include: Releasing My Child into God’s Hands, Enjoying Freedom from Fear, Identifying God Given Talents, Honoring Parents and Resisting Rebellion and Feeling Loved and Accepted. Books will be provided. Before we close in prayer we pray over any individual prayer requests for the youth and share praise stories of answered prayers! Anyone interested in praying for our youth is invited to come.

Please feel free to email Marie Crosby at mecrosby@gmail.com with any questions. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, January 15, 2020 from 6:45pm-7:45pm



January Birthdays

January 1 Heather Craig, Aguil Dut, Lual Dut,
Robert Kyser, Deborah Ryan

January 2 Joseph Calamita

January 3 Paul Etienne, David Lapp

January 4 Hadassah Bush, Grace Delisanti,
David Morrison

January 5 Mary DeLuca

January 6 George Brock

January 7 Nicholas Horvath, Sean MacLeay,
Margaret McCallum, Eric Weber

January 8 Thomas Crane, Amanda Waddington

January 9 Shirley King

January 10 David Curtis, Diane Fildes,
Barbara Molison

January 11 John Emmons, Marcia Hutt

January 12 Lori Abramo, Matthew Dibble

January 13 Ruth Marcinelli, Lesley Rudin

January 14 Logan Moyer

January 15 Kevin Batchen, Daniel Bunker,
Larry Moyer

January 16 John Krull

January 19 Allison Chiaravalle, Amelia Hoy,
Erica Weber

January 20 Kylie Derrett, Sandra Koerber,
Carmello Pitruzella

January 21 Robert Hughes

January 22 Donovan Heacock

January 24 Karen Bunker

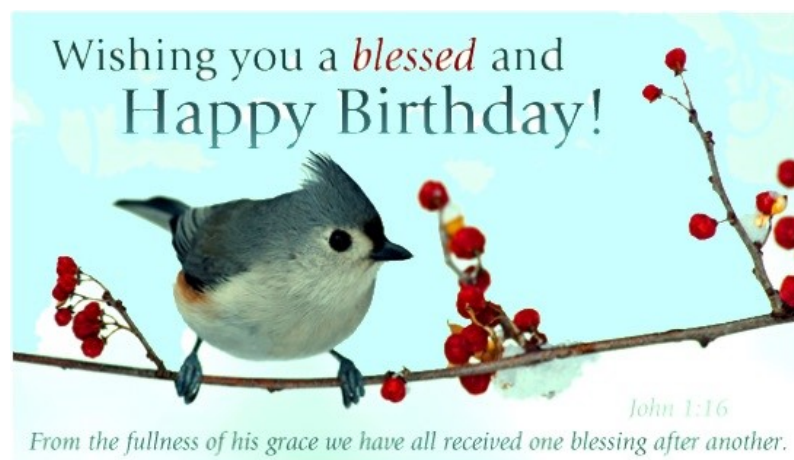
January 25 Robert Clontz, Patricia Dyviniak,
Pamela Robertson

January 26 Frederick Garrasi Jr.

January 27 Matthew Prohaska

January 28 Fr. Richard Molison

January 31 James Kissel



February 1 Joseph Albrecht Jr.

February 2 Allison Hillery

February 3 Barbara Chiaravalle, Samantha Crane,
Lual Dut, Brittany Wilkowski

February 4 Carol Brock, Dorothea Haase,
Connie Prohaska

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

JANUARY CALENDAR

January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 NEW YEAR'S DAY Office Closed	2	3	4 4:30pm HE
5 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am SS 1pm Sudanese Service	6 7pm Persecuted Church	7 6:30pm Men's Discipleship 7pm Vestry	8 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group 7pm GriefShare, Senior Choir	9 6pm Travel Club Dinner 6pm Contemporary Choir 6:30pm Worship Team	10	11 4:30pm HE
12 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am SS 1pm Sudanese Service	13	14 6:30pm Men's Discipleship 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	15 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6pm Jr Choir 6:45pm Parents in Prayer/Missionettes 6:30pm Youth Group 7pm Sr. Choir	16 6:30pm Worship Team	17 7pm Fri till 10:30am Sat. Youth Group Lock-in	18 8:30am Men's Breakfast 4:30pm HE
19 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am SS 1pm 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 6:30pm Worship Team	24	25 4:30pm HE
26 8, 9:15 & 11am HE 9:15 & 11am SS Children's Homily 1pm Sudanese Service	27 6:30pm Movie Night	28 6:30pm Men's Discipleship 6:30pm Women's Bible study	29 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group 7pm Sr. Choir	30 6:30pm Worship Team	31 11am Intercessory Prayer	

PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR

January

Courageous Kids

Shamil and Joshua became followers of Christ despite their Muslim father's objections and beatings in Uganda.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 MALAYSIA Pray for missionaries reaching out to students in Kuala Lumpur and Penang.	6 BAHRAIN Pray that families who reject their believers will themselves find Christ.	7 CUBA Pray for churches that are under threat of being demolished or confiscated.	8 SAUDI ARABIA Pray that women who come to faith in Christ will be able to fellowship with one another.	9 IRAN Pray that gospel broadcasts focused on men will bear much fruit.	10 LIBYA Pray for the safety of Christians working to share the gospel.	11 BHUTAN Pray for boldness and wisdom in reaching minority groups.
12 PHILIPPINES Pray that evangelists traveling outside their villages will go unnoticed by Islamic extremists.	13 MAURITANIA Pray that new believers will grow in faith even though they lack fellowship.	14 IRAQ Pray that members of ancient Christian churches will be strengthened in their faith.	15 KUWAIT Pray for the protection of local believers.	16 CHINA Pray for Pastor David, as the government forced him to close his house church.	17 AFGHANISTAN Pray that local evangelism and discipleship will succeed, reproduce and bear abundant fruit.	18 KAZAKHSTAN Pray for churches that have been targeted by the government.
19 PAKISTAN Pray for evangelists, who face persecution from time to time.	20 JORDAN Pray that Christian refugees, who are prohibited from working or attending school.	21 LIBYA Pray that second believers will be fellowship with the Lord and with other Christians.	22 BHUTAN Pray that church leaders will grow in knowledge and unity.	23 LIBYA Pray for peace in Libya.	24 TAJIKISTAN Pray that President Emonnoli Rahmon will come to saving faith in Christ.	25 NEPAL Pray for those who have lost their families because of their Christian faith.
26 TANZANIA Pray for those distributing Bibles.	27 PAKISTAN Pray that Prime Minister Imran Khan will come to saving faith in Christ.	28 VIETNAM Pray that unbelieving negatives will not be coerced by officials to persecute Christian family members.	29 LAOS Pray that front-line workers will be responsive to the needs of persecuted believers.	30 AFGHANISTAN Pray that believers will persevere through difficulties and persecution.	31 YEMEN Pray for the peace and provision of those who have lost loved ones because of their faith.	

Our next meeting will be Monday, January 6 at 7pm.
All are invited to join us.

CHURCH HUMOR



"You're not what we had in mind when we advertised for a new organist."



by Tobias Nilsson 02
I KNOW MY BODY IS A TEMPLE ... I'M A MEGA-CHURCH



SO TODAY AT CHURCH A GUY IN A SUIT TRIED TO DROWN ME
AND I KID YOU NOT, MY FAMILY JUST STOOD THERE TAKING PICTURES



"Our family is trying one of those old-fashioned churches, with preaching, the Bible, and all that stuff."



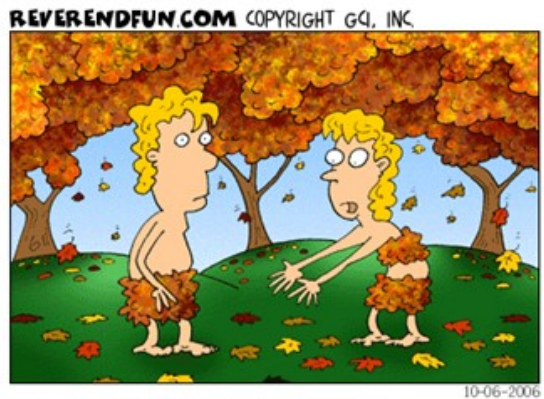
And then I ate all the goodies
and blamed it on a wolf.



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By
JEFF KEANE

"God flashes the lightnin' to let you know to cover your ears so the thunder doesn't scare you."



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WILL YOU PLEASE PICK UP ALL YOUR CLOTHES?