



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

JULY 2019

ACNA 10th Anniversary Assembly a Great Success!

The clergy of St. Bartholomew's and their wives travelled to Dallas Texas June 17-21 for wonderful time of fellowship and teaching with Anglicans from all over North America and even the world. Junior Warden Rocco Brindisi joined us for the second half of the week for our diocesan assembly. We heard from powerful speakers and had a wonderful celebratory service at Christ Anglican Church in Plano, Texas! You can see the service and speakers of the conference by downloading the ACNA app or going to the ACNA website.

The theme of the week was "***Disciple: Renewing Our Call to the Great Commission.***" Jesus gave us our mission in **Mt. 28:18-20** when He said, "***All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to obey all that I commanded you. And surely I am with you until the end of the age.***" Of course, we can't make disciples until we are disciples. Jesus tells us what it means to be a disciple in **Luke 9:23** when He said, "***If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.***" The marks of a true disciple involve our 1) focus (are we looking to Jesus in our thinking and for direction rather than ourselves or the world?) 2) time (are we spending time DAILY with the Lord and are we getting enough rest!) and 3) obedience (are we actually putting into action those things we know to be right and of the Lord?). Such things are to be our response to Christ's call. God gives us three blessings to complete our response - 1) the Church (the body of Christ) to be our support and context of growth 2) the Holy Spirit and 3) His Word. Only when these six keys are evident in our life can we truly be disciples. And then we can be the light of Christ to make disciples for the Kingdom of God!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Ward

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St. Bart's Web Information

www.stbartston.org

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



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We would like to thank Bob and Nicki Calabrese for hosting us at their home in McKinney, Texas on Thursday night for a great Texas Barbecue dinner! Bob and Nicki were members of St. Bart's until they moved to Texas four years ago.



Ask Deacon Reitz about the significance of this picture!

VESTRY

Core Team: Met on May 29th. An analysis of the various ministries was done. Our weekly bulletins will have a new look!

Directories: If you haven't already, pick up your new directory in the Fr. Amend Hall. However, they will be (re)printed with the needed corrections and then distributed to church members.

Wooden Crosses: Can be picked up in the Fr. Amend Hall. Any balance due should be paid at time of pick up.

William Federer, a best-selling author and host of the national TV program "Faith & History" will be speaking on Friday & Saturday **July 26 & 27 at 7:30 PM**. All are invited to attend. This is in lieu of our annual "Community Fun Day". He speaks on "American Exceptionalism" and the biblical foundations of our republic. His talk will be the same on Friday & Saturday so attendance on both days is not necessary. Tickets can be purchased online at \$15/person; see our website for the link. In addition, there will be a sign-up sheet to determine the number of attendees for the breakfast on Sunday.

Other Summer Dates to Mark Your Calendars & Remember:

July 14-17, 2019, Vacation Bible Study ~ New format and times....6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Aug 25, 2019, Annual Picnic ~ More information will be forthcoming.

Fr. Ward will be on vacation from July 2-17 as well as Aug. 5-22.



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

Jason Driscoll– US Army

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



“Deliver me
from my enemies,
O my God; protect me
from those who
rise up against me.”

Psalm 59:1

PRAY

BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD

Don't forget– we are always excited to receive items for our Gift Shop. One persons trash is another persons treasure.

We had about 50 at the June Spring Banquet. Mark your 2020 calendar for the first Thursday in June!

Thread of Hope can use your gently used kitchen appliances, utensils, bath towels, bed linens, et cetera. Label them and bring them to the Gift Shop and we will see that they get there.



Also, remember Cornerstone Manor. They need baby items: diapers & wipes, clothes, small toys, et cetera. Again, label the items for 'Cornerstone' please.



And remember to save your Dash's grocery receipts for us. They can go in the bag on the Gift Shop door.

***Remember, it is more blessed to give than to receive!
Thank you for your generosity.***

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

*All material for the **AUGUST** Chatter should be submitted no later than **JULY 16**. Chatter deadline is **ALWAYS** the **3rd Tuesday** of the month. Thank you.*

FOOD PANTRY: 28 bags of food were donated in June. Please try to remember the collection is the **first Sunday** of each month. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

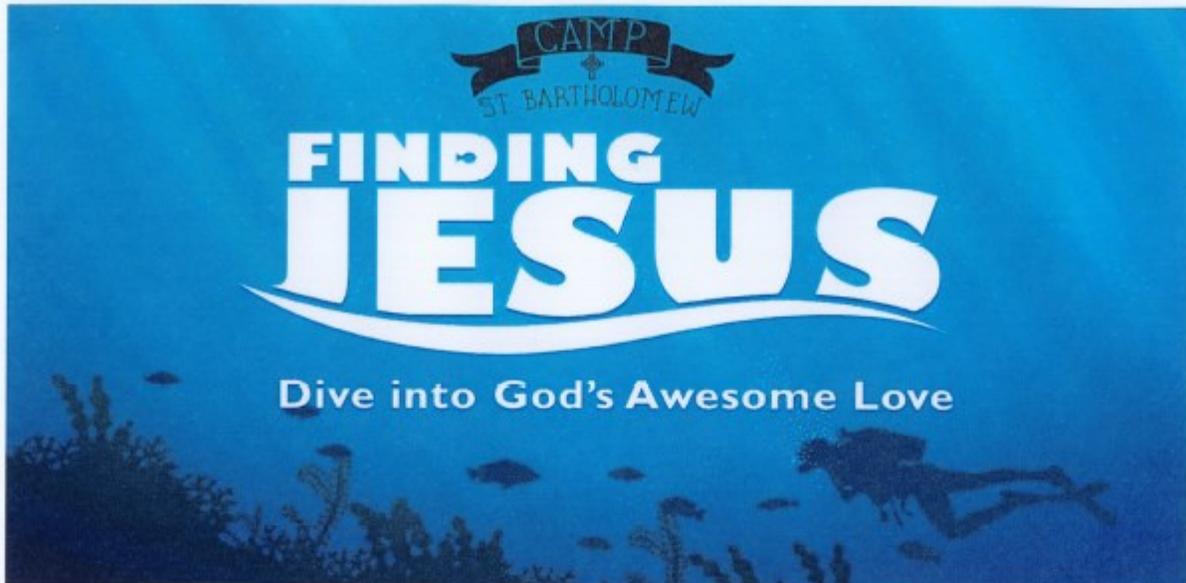


PRAYER FOR REVIVAL: Our next prayer meeting will be Monday, July 15 at 6pm. Note the earlier starting time. Hope to see you there.



LADIES: Please check that you took the correct black hooded rain coat home from church July 16th. Missing is a Liz Claiborne coat that has a zipper inside to attach a winter lining. If you have it by mistake please contact the church office: 831-1777. Thank you.





The best week of the summer!

~New friends ~ Amazing experiments ~ Creative games
~ Surprising adventures ~ Incredible music

Children age 3 through 5th grade
are invited to our free VBS at
St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church
Located at 2368 Eggert Road in Tonawanda

Vacation Bible School will last from
Sunday, July 14th—Wednesday, July 17th | From 6-8:15pm
Family Dinners at 5:15pm

To register go to www.stbartston.org
Questions contact Liz Burkett at 831-1777 or
dce@stbartston.org

YOUTH SUNDAY, GRADUATE RECOGNITION, ACOLYTE RECOGNITION







Mark your calendars! St. Bart's **Transforming Lives Speaker Series** is excited to host Dr. William J. Federer from July 26th to July 28th, 2019.

WILLIAM J. FEDERER is a nationally known speaker, best-selling author, and president of Amerisearch Inc., a publishing company dedicated to researching America's noble heritage. Bill's **AMERICAN MINUTE** radio feature is broadcast daily across America and on the Internet. His **Faith in History** television program airs on the TCT Network on stations across America and via Direct TV.

Dr. Federer will be speaking at three ticketed events: Friday, July 26 at 7:30 pm, Saturday, July 27 at 7:30 pm, and Saturday morning brunch at 11:00AM. He will also join us at the 8 am and 10 am church services Sunday morning July 28th. (Tickets are \$15 per person)

For Ticket Information please go to www.stbartston.org/events and click on the WHAT'S HAPPENING link. You can also sign up in the Fr. Amend Hall. Please specify which event you would like to attend.

PRAYER CORNER



PRAYER MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT PRAYERS FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

An Interview with Jim McNamara

What made you interested in Prayers for the Persecuted Church ministry?

God has laid on my heart a concern for persecuted Christians around the world. Prior to coming to St. Bartholomew's in 2011, I had been involved with promoting concerns about the persecuted church at my Methodist Church. I had the opportunity to attend a conference put on by Persecution Ministry International Christian Concern in Washington DC, and had the chance to make presentations to my church. I was very excited to see that not only St. Bartholomew's had a Prayers for the Persecuted Church Ministry, but that it was robust and active.

How has Prayers for the Persecuted Church Ministry changed your prayer life and relationship with God?

It has humbled me, to read story after story of faithful Christians around the world who remain faithful and even joyous in the face of cruel and persistent persecution. In my private prayer time, I am reminded not only to pray for the needs and issues of my loved ones, which certainly are important, but to pray for the millions of Christians who face persecution. While it is difficult, the ministry has also made real what is shown in the Bible: We also need to pray for those who are doing the persecution.

What can a person expect when they engage with the Lord through the PPC ministry?

We welcome all visitors, whether they come for one meeting, or become a regular attender. Each meeting we have a time of scripture, where we see stories of persecution straight from the Bible. This year we looked at passages from the book of Acts. We spend time planning events if we have one upcoming, and usually watch a video about persecution. But most importantly we take ample time every single meeting for prayer. It's no pressure; those who do not feel comfortable praying out loud are not expected to. We have faith that God is using our prayers, silent or spoken to advance his kingdom.

Would you encourage others to become involved in the PPC ministry?

Absolutely, all are welcome, from late teens on. We meet at the Church on the second Monday of the month from September to May. The subject matter is heavy, and not every one is suited for it, but there also is a blessing for those who join us. In addition to the close bonds we share with each other, we have been able to meet persecuted Christians from Iraq, Egypt, and Sudan who have joined us as guests. These meetings have been heartwarming, and we feel that we can be an encouragement to others.

July Birthdays

July 1 Carrie Dietz, Bryce Sortino
July 2 Nicole Decker, Carl Hoffman
July 3 Daniel MacLeay, Carolyn Oliveri,
Rosemary Styn
July 4 Mawein Dut, Joseph Fisher, Denise Stacks,
Brenda Wisz
July 5 Mary Machelor, Anthony Prohaska
July 6 Amy Dake, Ross J. Tobin
July 8 Desiree Derschug, Achol Dut,
Terrence Gamble, Alaynah Hoy,
Patti Prohaska, Nathaniel VanNorman
July 9 Ted Luczak
July 10 Donna Delo, Evelyn Fisher
July 12 Zackary Boyle, Roy Brinkerhoff,
Norm Machelor, Adam Morgante
July 13 Emily Decker, Raymond Hoock,
Glen MacLeay, Dn. John Rietz,
Janet Spence, Hugh Wilson
July 14 Deborah Calabrese, Gianna Clontz,
Gregory Tedesco Sr.
July 15 Lisa Johnson, Georgia Kusmierczak,
Johanna Vaccaro
July 16 Margaret McAndrews, Sarah Small
July 17 James Glowonia
July 18 Awut Dut
July 19 Rita Kissel
July 20 Richard Herrmann
July 22 Betty Biddlecomb, Dottie LaDuca,
Peter VanLente
July 23 Joseph Covella, Gary Galbreath,
Timothy Shotwell

July 24 Darryl Derschug, Christopher Guggemos
July 25 Mark Begovich, Andrew Hillery
July 26 Michele Brindisi, Michael Brylinski
July 27 Chase Clontz, Emily Emmons,
Karen Kopper, Sonny Scilia
July 28 Laurie Hayes, Robert Poeller
July 29 Eileen Arnold, Ashley Oberther,
Ross M. Tobin
July 30 Kathryn Sam, Michael Tarapata,
Fiona Wilson
July 31 Janice Casiano



August 1 Richard Decker, Nicholas Weber, Mike Wisz
August 4 David Merrick, Elaine Wisniewski
August 5 Carie-Jo Cleary
August 6 Tochukwa Ezeogwuna, Tim Fildes,
Ashley Garrasi, Gust Servis

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

JULY CALENDAR

July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study (last until 9/4)	4 Independence Day Office closed	5	6 4:30pm HE
7 8 & 10am HE NO SS Noon Sudanese Service	8	9	10 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm VBS Decorating	11	12	13 4:30pm HE
14 8 & 10am HE 10am SS VBS 6-8:30pm Noon Sudanese Service	15 VBS 6-8:30pm 6pm Prayer for Revival 6:30pm BARRA	16 VBS 6-8:30pm	17 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study VBS 6-8:30pm	18	19	20 4:30pm HE
21 8 & 10am HE 10am SS Noon Sudanese Service	22	23 6pm Crime Board	24 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study	25 7pm Prayer Walk	26 11am Intercessory Prayer (Library) 7:30 pm Wm. Federer	27 11am Brunch 4:30pm HE 7:30 pm Wm. Federer
28 8 & 10am HE 10am SS Noon Sudanese Service KINGDOM BOUND begins	29 KB	30 KB	31 KB 9:30am HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6pm Adoration			

PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR

July

I've Got the Joy

A visiting evangelist drove and hid for many hours to reach the Laotian village where those of us live. They need a sound bible foundation to support their faith since they will likely be among the first Christians in their area. Families who convert to Christianity are often denied access to electricity and public utilities such as water and electricity, some are even forced out of their village.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	MOROCCO 1 Pray for the wisdom of believers caught by violent politics.	SYRIA 2 Pray for those who have chosen to stay in Syria, despite the war, to advance God's kingdom.	MAURITANIA 3 Pray that Christians who flee to Mauritania will find fellowship with other believers.	PHILIPPINES 4 Pray that rural Bible schools will be successful in reaching Muslims as they train new Christian workers.	LEBANON 5 Pray for the safety of an evangelist working in an area where believers have been killed.	ARABIAN PENINSULA 6 Pray for more witness to those with Muslims. —Francis A.
EGYPT 7 Pray that the government will give Christians the same rights as Muslims.	KAZAKHSTAN 8 Pray that Kazakh believers will spread the gospel despite threats and trials.	TURKMENISTAN 9 Pray for a bold Christian witness in one of the world's most repressive countries.	MYANMAR 10 Pray for believers near war zones; hostile relations can conflict as an excuse for attacks.	MEXICO 11 Pray for Christian believers being harassed as visitors and missionaries in the mountains of Chiapas.	IRAN 12 Pray for increased boldness and courage among persecuted Iranian believers.	LAOS 13 Pray that religious freedoms will be honored.
SAUDI ARABIA 14 Pray that seekers and secret believers will come into contact with mature Christians.	INDIA 15 Pray for families who are forced to relocate because of their faith in Jesus.	MALI 16 Pray for stability in the north so displaced Christians can return home.	UGANDA 17 Pray for Christian women who are persecuted by their husbands because of their faith.	CHINA 18 Pray for Christian prisoners with Gao Zhongming, Zhou Weifeng and Jianglingyi.	YEMEN 19 Pray for Christian workers reaching Yemeni tribes and outside the country.	SOMALIA 20 Pray for the establishment of an open, visible church in Somalia.
NIGERIA 21 Pray for the many believers in the northeast who do not own a Bible.	IRAQ 22 Pray for our "strawleak" —Post-law worker	ETHIOPIA 23 Pray that the government will protect the rights of evangelical believers.	ALGERIA 24 Pray for unity among Algerian church leaders.	TAJIKISTAN 25 Pray for the production of children's ministries and literature distributions.	COMMUNIST CUBA 26 Today, Cuba celebrates Fidel Castro's 90th birthday. Communist rebellion, pray for an end to more than 60 years of Communist oppression.	SUDAN 27 Pray that God will witness through audio Bibles to those unable to read.
LAOS 28 Pray that Christian meetings will not be blocked by Regulation 144.	SYRIA 29 Pray that God will open the eyes of hardened in Syria to the truth of Jesus Christ.	QATAR 30 Pray for believers fleeing various forms of persecution because of their faith.	TURKEY 31 Pray that God will soften the heart of Turkey's president and bring him to saving faith.			



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Summertime fun



"Chasing the ice cream truck does not count as a summer fitness program."

