



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

JUNE 2022

St. Bartholomew's Welcomes MARGARET BUKKOSY as Our New Director of Music Ministries!

Margaret Bukkosy has been recently appointed as our *Director of Music Ministries* and comes to St. Bartholomew's from the Anglican Church of the Holy Trinity in South Carolina, where she served for 12 years. Her first love has always been providing instrumental and choral music for worship services. She had her first paid organist position at the age of 12 and has been involved in providing church music for worship ever since. Before moving to South Carolina she spent over 30 years as Director of Music at *St. James United Church of Christ* in Hamburg, NY, and over 20 years as a music teacher in the Hamburg Central Schools during which time she served nine years as Chair of the Music Department.

A graduate of SUNY at Fredonia with a Master of Music in Organ Performance, she has New York State Certifications both as a music teacher and as a school district administrator (M.S. Canisius College) for Kindergarten through Grade 12. Her undergraduate degree, B.A. cum laude, was earned at the State University of New York at Buffalo, with a concentration in Organ. She is certified as a state-level *Dimensions of Learning Trainer*, a model which gives classroom teachers techniques to incorporate Critical Thinking Skills into their lesson plans. Margaret is also an accomplished pianist.

She has directed choirs of all ages and coached solo singers throughout her career. Adult choirs have performed extended works in worship and concerts under her direction. Her children's choirs have been involved in performing religious musicals and were invited by WNET to perform "*David and The Giant*" on television. She has produced over 30 secular and sacred musicals including the full-length Broadway version of "*Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*" on two separate occasions.

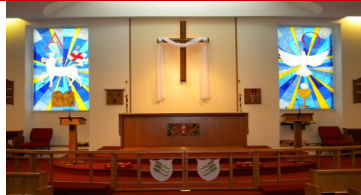


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St. Bart's Web Information

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Margaret has earned numerous awards. New York State recognized her for excellence in grant writing after she saved the Gowanda Central School District \$250,000. She was named *The Innovative Teacher of the Year* by the Hamburg Central School District in 1993. Hilbert College cited her many contributions to the college by promoting her to Adjunct Assistant Professor, where she taught for 7 years.

She has been appointed to many boards and served as president of a number of music-related organizations, including *Choristers Guild* and the *Erie County Council of Music Coordinators*. She has presented workshops for the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA), the American Guild of Organists, the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), as well as many area school districts.

Margaret and her husband Steven recently returned to New York to be near family and friends. They have two daughters, Sara and Laura, and two grandchildren, Dorian and Zac. Her hobbies include designing and making church banners, baking, cooking, reading, boating, and kayaking. She loves nature and all of God's creation, avidly watching the birds, turkeys, and deer who gravitate to the backyard bird feeder.

She played her first service at St. Bartholomew's this past Christmas Eve, and had been working as a substitute organist until being hired as our Director of Music Ministries on April 1. She is looking forward to meeting more members of the congregation and encouraging people of all ages to join one of the choirs of the church. *"He who sings, prays twice!"* (a favorite quote of hers from St. Augustine).

In summing up her time with us so far, Margaret said, *"I love the warmth and friendliness of the members, their commitment to Jesus Christ, and the fact that such a large congregation feels like one big family. The Anglican liturgy is beautiful and historic, and the preaching at St. Bart's is extraordinary. St. Bart's is a blessing to me in every respect because I can share my passion for church music with the choirs and congregation."*

We are truly blessed to have Margaret with us and look forward to her work in leading and developing our music ministries in the worship of the Lord!



Join the Choir...
You'll Be Glad
You Did!

TERRIFIC NEWS FOR CONTEMPORARY CHOIR SINGERS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS!

NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR THOSE WHO LOVE CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP MUSIC!

SINGERS – CONTEMPORARY CHOIR

St. Bart's Contemporary Choir is reforming and resuming a once-a-month participation at 10:00 a.m. worship services beginning on **Sunday, June 19th**.

Singers interested in this ministry are asked to meet in the choir room on **Wednesday, June 15th** at 7 p.m. for rehearsal. The only requirement is a love for singing. There are no auditions.

Students in grades 9-12 are encouraged to participate along with adults. The choir will sing in unison and with harmony, depending on the music selection. Margaret Bukkosy will train and direct the choir.

INSTRUMENTALISTS – PRAISE BAND

Instrumentalists interested in joining the Praise Band will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary, also on Wednesday, June 15th. If you play an instrument that lends itself to contemporary praise music, please do not hesitate to attend this rehearsal and bring your instrument. High school students and adults are encouraged to participate.

This is not an all-inclusive list: guitar, flute, oboe, trombone, violin, viola, cello, string bass, percussion etc. are all welcome. If you play a Bb instrument such as a clarinet or trumpet, please let Margaret Bukkosy or Jim Kibby know ahead of time so that music can be arranged and transposed for you. Jim Kibby is the contact person for the Praise Band.

Instrumentalists should be able to read a simple music score. If the instrument you play is not listed, please check with Jim.

JOINT REHEARSAL – SINGERS WITH THE PRAISE BAND

On June 15th, the singers and the instrumentalists will rehearse together in the sanctuary to prepare two selections for the June 19th service. We will seriously attempt to finish as close to 8:30 p.m. as possible. One selection, "Magnificent Marvelous Matchless Love" and can be found on YouTube. The other will be announced at rehearsal and will be a familiar piece.

LOOKING AHEAD

In future months, the Contemporary Choir and Praise Band will be rehearsing at 7 p.m. on the Wednesday before the 4th Sunday of each month, and providing music/worship leadership on the 4th Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. service.

Rehearsal July 20 Worship July 24.

Rehearsal August 24 Worship August 28

Questions? Comments? Need more information? Please contact

Margaret Bukkosy via email...mbukkosy@yahoo.com.

VESTRY



May 2022

OUTREACH TEAM: Volunteers are needed to help with the focus items put together by the Committee, after reviewing everything given by those of you who (thankfully) submitted suggestions and ideas.. Please see Fr. Bush, Amanda Daniele, Tony Luckoski, Molly Sammarco, Warren Teall, or Dan Tobin if you can help out.

PLEDGE CARDS: Even if you are giving through Rebel Give, please send in your pledge cards since this helps the Budget Committee with preparation of the annual budget.

Confirmation Weekend: Bishop Atwood will be joining us Friday-Sunday, June 3-5, 2022 for Holy Confirmation. There will be a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, June 4th from 6-7 PM, sponsored by the youth ministry, as a fund raiser for Kingdom Bound. More details will be forthcoming.

Church Picnic: Is back! It will be held on July 17th on our property since we expect delivery of our new, large tent by the end of May. John Krull will oversee the picnic on July 17th. Further information will be provided as we get closer to the date.



**DEADLINE FOR THE JULY CHATTER
is Tuesday, June 21. Thank you.**

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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– Navy

Amanda Brzeczowski– Reserves

James Kerins– Army

A.J. Matteliano– Army

Matthew Prohaska– Air Force

Andrew Rebl– Army



FOOD PANTRY

Remember that we collect for the Food Pantry the **first weekend of every month**.

Leave your bags in the front hall as you enter the building. Or, consider making a financial donation to:

**North Tonawanda Food Pantry
100 Ridge Road N. Tonawanda 14120**

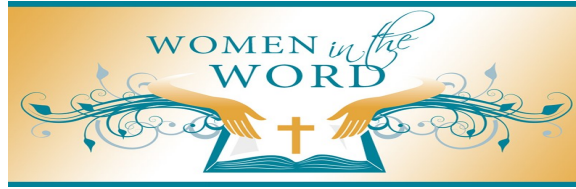


Monday, June 27 at 6:30pm

The **ST. BART'S FAMILY PICNIC** is scheduled to be held **July 17** on the church property, after the 10 am service. All parish members are invited and encouraged to attend. ***We will have a picnic committee meeting after the 10 am service on June 12 in the small fellowship hall.*** Anyone interested in helping out is requested to attend, and bring your ideas along. We need people to help with children's games, cooking on the grill, help with serving food in the church hall and as always setup and cleanup. As in the past we will be requesting dishes to pass from the church family. This can be potato salad, macaroni salad, deserts of any kind (lots of desserts), baked beans, whatever you are an expert at cooking. If you can't make the meeting and still want to help out give John Krull a call at: 716-868-6328 or see him when he is floating around the church sometime. The family picnic can only be as good as the effort that we all put into it. Hopefully this isn't just an eat and run event, but rather something that you want to stick around for and socialize.



BIBLE STUDIES



Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study

We are currently studying the book of **Matthew**. Think of miracles and parables! Study materials are provided. Bring a study Bible if you have one. We will be meeting **June 14 (our last until September)** in the large fellowship room, **from 6:30-8:00 pm**. Come and join your sisters in Christ for study and fellowship. **Questions? Call Louise Jones at 874-0526**



Men's Discipleship meets every **Tuesday at 6:30pm**. All men of the church are encouraged to join us. Contact John Krull for more information.

The next Men's Breakfast will be **Saturday, June 18** at 9am. All men of the church are invited. Contact John Krull for more information.



The Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study

We are continuing our study of the book of Isaiah. All ladies are invited to join us, Wednesday morning at 10:30am in the Fellowship Room. See Barbara Molison for more information

Let's Pray!

Join us for an EVENING OF PRAYER,
Thursday, June 16 at 7pm.



The Compass Care Walk for Life
was held Saturday, April 30th.

Over 700 people turned out to walk, including this group from St. Bartholomew's. As a church we raised over \$10,000. Thank you to everyone who donated and sponsored a walker.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S GENERATION NEXT



Saturday, June 4th
6:00pm-7:30pm

TO SUPPORT KINGDOM BOUND YOUTH EVENT

Tickets \$12
INCLUDES SPAGHETTI, MEATBALLS, SALAD,
BREAD, AND DESSERT

You can purchase tickets following the services starting May 21st at the welcome desk. Help is still needed to make this event possible, so if you are able to help please contact Liz Burkett at 831-1777 or dce@stbartston.org

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Come cook up some fun with us this summer.
As we discover how God provides for us!

Register at: www.stbartston.org

VBS dates: July 10th–13th

VBS Times: 6:00pm–8:00pm

Family Dinners 5:15pm

**For more information, contact Liz Burkett
dce@stbartston.org or 831-1777**

VBS STAFF MEETING AND DECORATING

There will be a VBS staff training meeting on Wednesday June 1st or Thursday June 9th at 6:30pm in the Large Sunday School Room . Choose one meeting time that works for you. The meeting is to help prepare anyone interested in joining the VBS Team. Please take time to pray and ask God about serving on our VBS staff if you haven't already signed up. We still need crew leaders, Station Leaders and help in Preschool VBS. If you can't help during VBS but would like to help with preparations we will be decorating on Wednesday, June 29th, and July 6th at 6:30pm. Please contact Liz Burkett 831-1777 or dce@stbartston.org if you can help make this VBS a success.



Next Steps

A Generation Next Newsletter

June 2022

Trending Jesus



With social media, just about anyone can be an “influencer.” Some “influencers” mostly use their platforms to get free stuff, but once in a while, you find someone who uses their platform to talk about things that matter to them. In the first century, they didn’t have social media, but the book of Acts is full of stories about “influencers” who had important things to say. In this 4-week series, we’ll hear their stories, discover that our lives can pass on the good news of Jesus Christ, and learn how to pass on that good news to others with humility.

Next Happenings

Wednesdays, 6 pm - 8 pm

Join us for our regular meetings filled with engaging Bible lessons and fun activities

***No meeting June 1st due to VBS meeting**

Saturday, June 4th

Save the Date! Kingdom Bound spaghetti dinner fundraiser from 6 pm - 7:30 pm.

Sunday, June 19th

Save the Date! Youth Sunday! All youth in grades 6th - 12th are encouraged to participate.

“He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.”

Colossians 1:17 NASB

A Letter From our Director



Liz Burkett



Have you ever gone on a road trip? If you have, you know there is something memorable about piling in the car with your friends or family, pressing play on your favorite playlist, and digging into some snacks. The journey is just as much a part of the experience as the destination itself. In a similar way, did you know we are called to share Jesus with others “as we go”?

When we discover the love of God, we have an opportunity to share it wherever our life takes us. Whether at home, at school, or on vacation - you can share that love with others! God wants us to invite others to join us on this amazing road trip of faith. Think of one person you can bring along with you on this road trip and ask God to help you share your story with them.

In Christ,
Liz



Save the Date - Wednesday, June 1st: VBS Volunteer Meeting at 6:30 pm to discuss the details of Vacation Bible School (July 10-13th from 6-8 pm). The meeting is to help prepare all volunteers for their various roles at VBS.

Save the Date: Saturday, June 4th. Kingdom Bound Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. If you were not at the Kingdom Bound meeting last month to sign up to help, please get in touch with me, and I will let you know what help is needed.



Save the date: Sunday, June 19th, is Youth Sunday. All youth in grades 6th - 12th are encouraged to participate (feel free to invite your friends to participate) and can choose how they would like to be involved in the service that day.

Youth can also participate in the Worship band. Please get in touch with Jim Kibby (kibbyjr@gmail.com) to get involved.

There will be an informational meeting for parents and students about Youth Sunday on May 25th at 6:00 pm before Youth Group in the Youth Room downstairs. Or Sunday, May 29th at 11:45 am. We will discuss what this service will entail, and sign-up sheets will be available.

Youth wishing to be involved will be required to practice on Saturday, June 18th at 6:00 pm.



Congratulations to our graduates:

Grace Delisanti & Bradley Smith



June Birthdays

- 1 Mary Krause, Linda McGee
- 2 William Ruhland, Craig Schwab
- 3 Emily Bush
- 4 Pamela Machelor, Michael Spence Jr.
- 6 Lee Hilliker, Richard Hubbard,
Ellen Siegel, Edward Zurzuski
- 7 M.J. Brzeczowski
- 8 Frank LoCicero, Emma Scibetta
- 9 Mary Hillery, Gary Zuefle
- 10 Marjorie Saunders
- 11 Linda Soltis
- 12 Karen Heer
- 13 Alena Matuch, Trudy Wolcott
- 16 Beverly Graber
- 17 Thomas Daniele, Debra McGuire
- 18 Leslie Horvath
- 19 Carol Nelson, Christopher Szymanski,
Stephen Tarapata
- 20 Madeline Crosby
- 21 Brett Kyser, Audra Lakeman
- 23 MaryEllen Anello
- 25 Juliette Cleary, Barbara Hubbard

- 26 Eden Bush, Jason Crosby,
Archie Wilkowski
- 27 Jonathan Merrick, David Waddington
- 28 Matthew LaDuca
- 29 Evan Matesic, Elijah Osmon
- 30 Carl Calabrese




JULY

- 2 Carl Hoffman, Carolyn Oliveri
- 3 Caleb Chiaravalle, Rosemary Styn
- 4 Joseph Fisher, Denise Stacks
- 6 Brenda Wisz

If you notice a mistake in the birthday list please call (716) 831-1777 or email the secretaries: secretaries@stbartston.org

PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR

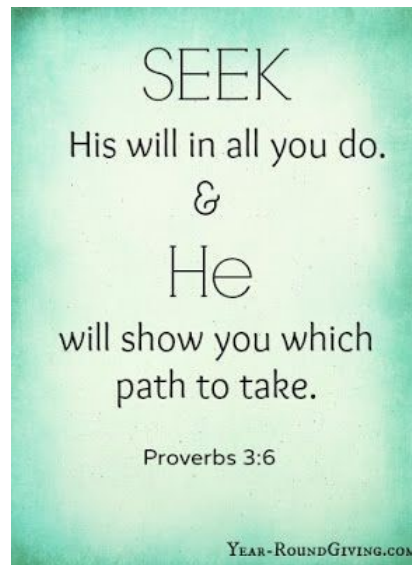
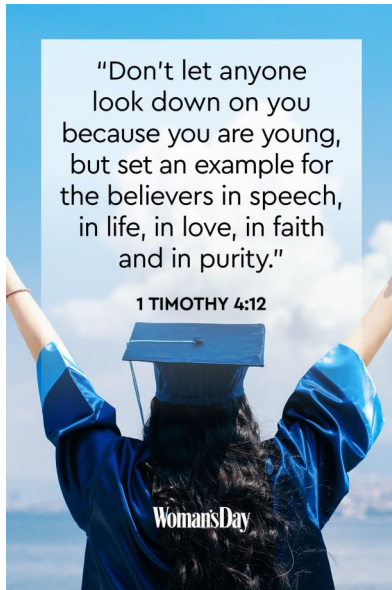
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NOTES: 						
5 KYRGYZSTAN Pray for revival in the country.	6 MALI Pray for unity in the body of Christ as Malian believers endure persecution together.	7 AZERBAIJAN Pray for President Ilham Aliyev and the government.	8 ALGERIA Pray for opportunities to distribute Bibles throughout Algeria, especially in the south.	9 TANZANIA Pray for foreign missionaries. Many have been deported after having their work permits revoked.	10 LEBANON Pray for ministers whose congregants have lost their jobs due to political and economic instability.	11 AFGHANISTAN Pray that Bible translation, radio, TV and social media ministries will bear much fruit.
12 CAMEROON Pray that Christians under attack will not become bitter but will pray for their persecutors.	13 LIBYA Pray for those who, for security reasons, must fellowship in online churches.	14 BRUNEI Pray for Fitri, a new believer struggling to distinguish figurative from literal statements in the Bible.	15 VIETNAM Pray that more Bibles will be printed and distributed to meet the growing need.	16 PHILIPPINES Pray for a group of young people who feel called to live and minister among an unreached people group.	17 MOROCCO Pray that believers will boldly share the gospel with their families.	18 MAURITANIA Pray that those imprisoned for their faith will be bold witnesses for Christ.
19 JORDAN Pray that the Lord will raise new national leaders and pastors.	20 CUBA Pray for Christians who are held for interrogation, harassed or fined.	21 NIGERIA Pray for an end to kidnappings of school children in the northeast.	22 SUDAN Pray for recent converts from Islam, who experience persecution from their families and communities.	23 OMAN Pray for Saleh and his family, who were forced to leave because of their faith.	24 KAZAKHSTAN Pray that believers will find ways to spread the gospel despite increasing religious restrictions.	25 COLOMBIA Pray for widows and orphans in Colombia who are rebuilding their lives.
26 SOMALIA Pray that Somali believers will be able to remain in the country and share the gospel.	27 BHUTAN Pray for successful Bible distributions in the country.	28 CHINA Pray that Christian children will have a firm foundation in the Lord.	29 DAY OF THE CHRISTIAN MARTYR Join Christians around the world in prayer and be inspired by the examples of faith of those who have come before us. vom.org/martyr	30 ETHIOPIA Pray for Abebech Demisse, Worke Eda o, Meseret Teketal and other widows.		

JUNE CALENDAR

JUNE 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>1 9:30AM HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm VBS mtg. 7pm Choir</p>	2	3	<p>4 10:30am Griefshare 4:30 PM HE Spaghetti Dinner 6pm - 7:30pm</p>
<p>5 8am HE 10am HOLY CONFIRMATION</p>	6	<p>7 6:30pm Men's Disc. 7pm Vestry</p>	<p>8 9:30AM HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study</p>	9 6:30pm VBS Meeting	10	<p>11 10:30am Griefshare 11am Memorial Serv. 4:30 PM HE</p>
<p>12 8 & 10am HE 10am SS 11:30 Children's Choir reh.</p>	13	<p>14 6:30pm Men's Disc. & Ladies Bible Study (last)</p>	<p>15 9:30AM HE 10:30 am Women's Bible Study 7pm Cont. Choir</p>	16 7pm Prayer Night	17	<p>18 9am Men's Break-fast 10:30am Griefshare 4:30 PM HE</p>
<p>19 FATHER'S DAY 8 & 10am HE YOUTH SERVICE</p>	20 BARRA	21 6:30pm Men's Disc.	<p>22 9:30AM HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study</p>	23	24	<p>25 10:30am Griefshare 4:30 PM HE</p>
<p>26 8 & 10am HE</p>	27 6:30PM Movie Night	28 6:30pm Men's Disc.	<p>29 9:30AM HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm VBS Decorating</p>	30		

Words of Wisdom for Our Graduates



Always remember
you are **BRAVER**
than you **BELIEVE**
STRONGER
than you **SEEM**
SMARTER
than you **THINK**
& **LOVED**
more than you know

"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."

Jeremiah 29:11

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