



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

MAY 2022

PRAYER According to LUKE...

Of the four gospels, Luke includes the most on the subject of prayer. In light of the serious challenges we are facing as a nation I can't think of a greater motivator to pray than God's Word and Jesus' example. Luke recounts how Jesus prayed as the heavens opened up at his baptism (Lk. 3:21). He tells us that Jesus often withdrew to pray alone (Lk. 5:16) and prayed all night before He made the decision of choosing the Twelve Apostles (Lk. 6:12). In Lk. 9:18, Jesus again is found praying alone, this time before asking the disciples who they think He is. Later in Lk. 9:28-36 Jesus goes with Peter, James, and John up on the mountain to pray where He is then transfigured before their very eyes. In Lk. 10:21-22 Jesus prays to thank God the Father in the Holy Spirit for concealing and revealing His spiritual truths to the wise and those young in the faith. Before Jesus teaches His disciples to pray in Lk. 11:1-4 we find Jesus again praying! Later in Lk. 22:17-19, on the night before He was crucified Jesus prays and gives thanks for the bread and the cup during the Last Supper. He then tells Peter that He has prayed that Peter's faith will not fail (Lk. 22:32). In the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus prays to the Father that if possible to let the cup (His suffering and death) pass (Lk. 22:41). He prays more earnestly in Lk. 22:44 after acknowledging that His Father's will be done.

Throughout Luke's account, we find many teachings on prayer by Jesus. These include the Lord's Prayer in Lk. 11:1-4 as well as two parables unique to Luke on the importance of persistence and perseverance in our prayer life (Lk. 11:5-13 & 18:1-7). In a third parable, Jesus contrasts the prayers of the Pharisee and the tax collector (Lk. 18:9-14). Jesus also teaches His disciples to pray for those who abuse them (Lk. 6:28). In Lk. 10:2 He calls on us to pray that the Lord of the harvest would send out laborers into the harvest. He says that the Temple should be a house of prayer in Lk. 19:46. Finally in Lk. 21:36, Jesus warns the disciples to pray for strength to face the things that will soon take place and that they not fall into temptation (Lk. 22:40, 46).

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St. Bart's Web Information

www.stbartston.org

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



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Clearly, prayer is key to growing in the Lord and accomplishing His will. I pray that we all will become more consistent and diligent in our devotions to the Lord. I encourage you to use the Anglican Book of Common Prayer and the Bible to assist in that endeavor. Prayer is communication with God - it includes speaking to the Lord in praise, confession, thanksgiving and supplication (petition). But it also means taking time out to listen to the still small voice of the Holy Spirit. The only way we can do this is to stop what we're doing, go to a quiet place and rest in the Lord. Jesus did so daily while He walked this earth. How much more should we!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Ward



VESTRY

APRIL 2022

OUTREACH TEAM: Thanks to those who have submitted ideas. Please don't hesitate to contact anyone on the team (Fr. Bush, Amanda Daniele, Tony Luckoski, Molly Sammarco, Warren Teall, Dan Tobin) if you have ideas, suggestions and/or questions regarding St. Bart's outreach program.

WILL THE WALL BE CLOSED ANYTIME SOON? Unfortunately, as long as COVID is still an issue, the wall between the Fr. Amend Hall and the sanctuary will remain open to allow everyone maintain a comfortable social distance. Increased attendance is also a factor.

SPRING CLEANING: Volunteers are needed to help with the garden "cleanup", weeding, planting and maintenance. Please contact Jim Kibby or Fr. Ward if you are interested in giving some of your time and effort to beautifying our outside grounds.

YOUR SILENCE IS REQUESTED: Even though it's great to once again visit with our fellow church family members, please remember to keep the "chatter" down during services. Voices have no problem echoing throughout the building so your silence during services is greatly appreciated.



**DEADLINE FOR THE
JUNE CHATTER
is Tuesday, May 17.
Thank you.**



Former members Hilda Paolucci (98) and Marilyn Alliger (99) had an opportunity to reconnect in California recently where they both reside. They are doing well!

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– US Army



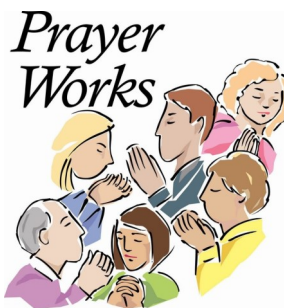
FOOD PANTRY

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

**movie
night**

MONDAY, MAY 23 at 6:30pm



Join us for an
**EVENING OF
PRAYER,**

**Thursday, May 19
at 7pm.**

The next **Men's Breakfast** will be
Saturday, May 21 at 9am.
All men of the church are invited.
Contact John Krull for more
information.



KAREN KOPPER

**Thankful
&
Blessed**

wants her St. Bart's Family to know what a blessing you have been, with your calls and visits and surprise gifts!

She is overwhelmed and thanks God and all of you!

Children's Choir Announcement



To: Parents of Children in Grades 2 - 9

From: Margaret Bukkosy, Organist and Choir Director

Do you have a child who loves to sing? We have some exciting news! There will be a special opportunity for those children who are currently in grades 2-9 to share their love for music. The Children's Choir will debut at the youth service to be held on Sunday, June 19th at 10 a.m.

The 30 minute rehearsals will start immediately after every 10 a.m. Sunday service in May and on June 12, during coffee hour. They will be held in the choir room! We hope that you will encourage your children to participate. This event is a precursor to our fall graded choir program.

Parents can pick up their children at the choir room door after rehearsal. Please encourage your child to attend. Reluctant singers are welcome too, as are friends.

We will need a choir assistant. If you are willing, please let me know. The assistant will help assign robes and help out in various ways. The assistant can be a parent or a high school student.

Please email me at mbukkosy@yahoo.com if you need more information. If you would like your child/children to participate, please complete a registration form which is available in the church office and is also being sent home with students. Thank you.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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.



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

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 **May 10 and 24** 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 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

Next Steps

A Generation Next Newsletter

May 2022

Breaking New Trails With Jesus



Have you heard the term "breaking trail"? It may sound familiar to you if you've hiked, especially in winter. "Breaking trail" is something you do when encountering deep snow that's tough to navigate. One hiker usually goes ahead of their group and clears the way to make it easier for others to follow. The person who "breaks" the trail is known as the "trail breaker." In our 6-week Easter series, we'll hear and discuss stories about our "trail breaker," Jesus, who never gives up on us, understands our pain, shows us love, is alive, can be trusted, and gives us a mission.

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**

Friday, May 20th

We will meet at Lasertron on N Bailey Ave. 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

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.

*"Were not our hearts
burning within us while
He was speaking to us
on the road, while He
was explaining the
Scriptures to us?"*

Luke 24:32 NASB

A Letter From our Director



Liz Burkett

It's not always easy to know whom to trust. Some of us trust just about everyone, no questions asked. Others take our time vetting people before we open up. And some of us assume no one is trustworthy— maybe because we've been hurt, betrayed, or let down too many times. But here's the thing. When enough people break our trust, we might start to wonder if God is like that too. We're not sure if God can be trusted. As we finish up our series on our trail-breaker Jesus, we'll learn why He can always be trusted.

*In Christ,
Liz*

Friday, May 20th, from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm. For this event, we will meet at the Lasertron event center on N Bailey Avenue at 5:45 pm. Pickup will also be at Lasertron. We will be doing two events: Laser Tag and Putt-Putt Golf. Pizza will also be provided. The cost is \$20 per person.



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.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Susan Horvath, Sydney Lakeman,
Rachel Teall
- 3 Charles Abramo, Jack Gradzewicz
- 4 Elizabeth Merrick
- 5 Joan Calamita, Rosemary Davis,
Valerie Ulrich
- 7 Alicia Matesic
- 8 Asa Begovich
- 9 Brandon Heacock
- 10 Henry Gugino
- 11 Kathleen McPhee, Caroline Rudin,
Scott Ulrich
- 12 Kathy Dudley
- 13 James Maier, Anthony Oliveri
- 14 Gretchen Beyer
- 15 Bryan Lukacz, James Winkler
- 16 Donald Gwizdowski, Julie VanLente,
Jeffrey Westerman
- 17 Evelyn Luckoski, Anna Okiec
- 21 Doanld Beyer
- 22 Robery Brown, Anthony Luckoski
- 23 Victoria Martino, Bradley Smith
- 24 Betty Herrmann, Michelle McCarthy

- 26 Gerald Ciccarelli, Daniel McCarthy,
Matthew Rudin
- 26 Edward Doran, Sharon Scott,
Barbara Weiser
- 27 Joyce Wahl
- 30 Marie Prout
- 31 Jeffrey Pasisz, Christine Tedesco



JUNE

- 1 Mary Krause, Linda McGee
- 2 William Ryhland, Craig Schwab
- 3 Emily Bush
- 4 Pamela Machelor, Michael Spence Jr.

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
1 OMAN Pray for the encouragement and boldness of local believers worshiping in isolation.	2 AZERBAIJAN Pray that believers will use technology effectively to proclaim the gospel.	3 LAOS Pray that training sessions will encourage and strengthen new believers.	4 TAJIKISTAN Pray for the health of Tamara, a widow whose husband was killed for being a pastor.	5 MOROCCO Pray that Bibles will become more accessible throughout the country.	6 BANGLADESH Pray for those training 50 front-line workers to carry the gospel to Muslims.	7 YEMEN Pray that imprisoned believers will continue to find strength and encouragement in Christ.
8 TURKEY Pray for a pastor who has not been allowed to see his daughter for several years because of his faith.	9 CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC Pray that Christian converts from Islam will grow in number and faith.	10 CAMEROON Pray for Christians who have been displaced by Boko Haram attacks in northern Cameroon.	11 MYANMAR Pray for the complicated political situation in the country.	12 KAZAKHSTAN Pray for Christian events that train and encourage Kazakh believers.	13 COLOMBIA Pray for front-line workers who share the gospel with unreached people groups.	14 PAKISTAN Pray that blasphemy laws will be overturned and religious freedom will flourish.
15 IRAQ Pray for internally displaced Christian families from Mosul who are returning to camps in Kurdistan.	16 SOMALIA Pray that the Lord will soften the hearts of government leaders toward Christians.	17 INDIA Pray for those experiencing increased persecution from Hindu extremists.	18 ETHIOPIA Pray for the boldness and safety of front-line workers in hostile areas of the country.	19 CHINA Pray that Christian university students will boldly follow Christ.	20 IRAN Pray that house church leaders in Iran will reach the country's youth who have lived their entire lives under Islamist oppression.	21 TANZANIA Pray for pastors in Zanzibar who are falsely accused by neighbors and subjected to lengthy legal cases.
22 CUBA Pray that churches closed by civil authorities will be allowed to reopen.	23 DJIBOUTI Pray for continued stability so persecuted believers from surrounding nations can take refuge there.	24 MALAYSIA Pray for a media project that will make the gospel available to nearly everyone in the country.	25 KENYA Pray for believers who are targeted by a terrorist group in northeastern Kenya.	26 ERITREA Pray for the strength and perseverance of long-term prisoners and their families.	27 NORTH KOREA Pray for a Christian woman who secretly listens to the audio Bible in her bed every night.	28 PHILIPPINES Pray that a group of newly baptized believers will stand firm in their faith.
29 MALDIVES Pray that God will grant wisdom to front-line workers in the country.	30 SYRIA Pray for Pastor Shadi, who has stayed in Damascus while his family fled due to financial hardship.	31 LIBYA Pray for peace and stability in the country.	<div>May</div> <div>NOTES:</div>			

MAY 2022

MAY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8 & 10 am HE 10am Sunday School 11:30am Children's Choir Rehearsal	2	3 6:30pm Neighborhood Watch mtg. Men's Disc. 7pm Vestry	4 9:30 am HE 10:30am Womens Bible Study 6pm Youth Group 7pm Choir	5 7pm Equipping Christians	6 6pm Rivendell Play-- Animal Farm	7 10:30am Grief-Share 4:30 pm HE
8 MOTHER'S DAY 8 & 10 am HE 10am Sunday School 11:30am Children's Choir Rehearsal	9	10 6:30pm Ladies Bible Study & Men's Disc.	11 9:30 am HE 10:30am Womens Bible Study 6pm Youth Group 7pm Choir	12 7pm Equipping Christians	13 7pm The Chosen	14 10:30am Grief-Share 4:30 pm HE
15 8 & 10 am HE 10am Sunday School 11:30am Children's Choir Rehearsal	16	17 6pm Piano Recital (Eileen Arnold) 6:30pm Men's Disc.	18 9:30 am HE 10:30am Womens Bible Study 6pm Youth Group	19 7pm Prayer Night 7pm Equipping Christians (fellowship hall)	20 6pm Youth Group Lasertron 7pm The Chosen	21 10:30am Grief-Share 4:30 pm HE
22 8 & 10 am HE 10am Sunday School 11:30am Children's Choir Rehearsal	23 6:30 pm Movie Night	24 6:30pm Ladies Bible Study & Men's Disc.	25 9:30 am HE 10:30am Womens Bible Study 6pm Youth Group	26	27 7pm The Chosen	28 10:30am Grief-Share 2pm Holy Marriage 4:30 pm HE
29 8 & 10 am HE 10am Sunday School 11:30am Children's Choir Rehearsal	30 MEMORIAL DAY (office closed)	31 6:30pm Men's Disc.				

SPRING HAS SPRUNG?!



My State of Mind Now

