



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

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WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?

God's Word tells us to "**give thanks in everything**" (1 Thess. 5:18a). The Psalms are filled with the call to "**give thanks to the Lord.**" New discoveries in brain science reveal that taking time out to appreciate one's blessings helps cultivate joy in the human heart. Likewise, when we show our gratitude and appreciation for others, it builds up our relationships. How fitting that we, as a nation, take time out to give thanks to God every November! While Thanksgiving has been celebrated nationally on and off since 1789, it was not until 1863, when President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of "*Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens*" that Thanksgiving became forever etched into our national consciousness.

For the last two years we have been challenged in ways like never before. Everyone and everything has been affected. Uncertainty abounds. Political leadership seems lacking and every church has suffered setbacks. However, one of the ways we can move forward with joy and confidence is to reflect upon our blessings. Let's begin with our relationship with the Living God, and specifically with our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. What a blessing to know that we have a saving knowledge of God's truth in Christ and that He loves us with an unfailing and everlasting love! How wonderful that Jesus promises never to leave or forsake us. How fitting to rest in the reality of the Holy Spirit living within us! When we contemplate the love of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, it will not only reenergize us, it will give us the vision and motivation to move forward!

There is a reason why **Psalm 136** highlights God's lovingkindness over 25 times! I encourage you not only to read and pray this psalm today but to spend five minutes a day during the month of November writing down and thinking about the many things you are thankful for, including the good memories of past positive experiences (both temporal and spiritual). My prayer is that we all become more appreciative and thankful for all that is good in our lives even in the midst of our present frustrations and disappointments.

In thanks and praise to God,
Fr. Ward

St. Bart's Web Information

www.stbartston.org

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



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VESTRY

November 2021

Bishop Atwood's Visit was a great blessing as he taught on how we can "keep our relationships bigger than our problems."

New Sign: Should be installed in November.

New Janitorial Service Hired: *Obanion Cleaning & Restoration* will be cleaning all of the first floor once a week; Jim Kibby will continue to clean the second floor as well as do any cleaning required outside the regularly scheduled cleaning day.

Holiday Flowers: As we get closer to Christmas, look for envelopes in the pews if you are interested in donating poinsettias and altar flowers in memory of loved ones.

2022 Budget: The vestry approved the budget for 2022.

October is "Clergy Appreciation Month": Please remember to thank our clergy for their dedication and on-going commitment to God.

Dates to Remember:

Pete Hadley, saved by US soldiers during WW2 was a guest speaker on Oct. 16th
Prayer meetings will be held every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm; the next meeting will be November 18.

Iron Sharpen Iron will meet in Rochester, NY on Nov. 6th

NOTE: Contact John Krull for further information on any of these upcoming events.





Join us for Resound!

Sunday November 14th @ 6:30 p.m.

Resound! is a night of worship and praise lead by our contemporary music ministry team. It is a refreshing time as we gather together to bless the Lord with our songs to Him.

*"Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;
let the sea resound, and all that is in it." - Psalm 96:11*

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Remember **Threads of Hope** as you are cleaning around your home. They are always in need of gently used kitchen items and small appliances, bedding, towels, etc. Bring items to be donated to the Gift Shop and label them for Threads of Hope.



The **Gift Shop** is open. Stop by after church to shop, or drop off items to be sold. **Volunteers are needed to help. See Danett Utz or sign up on the Gift Shop door. Thank you.**



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22 AT 6:30PM



St. Bart's is blessed to have a large church family, and like all large families, sometimes the members encounter situations where they could use the help of others. When they've experienced a death in the family, a disabling illness, or birth of a child, often a few meals are greatly appreciated.

I need YOUR HELP to meet the needs among our parishioners. My goal is to have a group of 30 or more volunteers who are willing to **occasionally** make a meal when one of the above needs is brought to the attention of the church office. Having a large group of volunteers will lessen the number of times any one person is called on to help.

Please **prayerfully** consider participating in this valuable ministry. If you're interested, or need more information as to how this will be implemented, please see or call **Brenda Wisz** at 832-6684.

Thank you.



Dear St. Bart's,

I want to thank you for the many prayers and cards sent to me following my recent surgery. Your prayer support has been a blessing to Elaine and myself.

**Thank you again,
and God Bless,**

Deacon Gary Wisniewski

**December Chatter
deadline is
Tuesday, November 16th.
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– US Army



FOOD PANTRY:

Remember, 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
North Tonawanda, NY 14120**

20 bags of food were donated in October. Let's try to increase that number, knowing that Thanksgiving and Christmas are fast approaching.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Operation Christmas Child 2021!

This year with just a few clicks, you can pack an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift online to help share the Good News of Jesus Christ with a boy or girl in need around the world. Simply select toys and other fun items you'd like to include from the collection, and personalize your gift with your own letter and photo.



The gift will be packed for you and sent on its way for a suggested donation of just \$25. Help us reach our goal of 125 boxes by November 21st by going to www.stbartston.org and donating to our goal page. Or drop off a donation of \$25 in an envelope marked "Operation Christmas Child" and we will build a box online for you.

YWCA Donations 2021

This year instead of bringing in items for thanksgiving baskets and winter clothing for the families of the YWCA, we will be serving the Women and Children through monetary gifts, so we can continue to support these families during these difficult times. Donations for the YWCA need to be collected by November 20 and 21. Just a small donation of \$20 can help these women and children still have what they need to get through these winter months. Please make checks payable to St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church with YWCA in the memo line. Thank you for helping the YWCA continue to serve families with the love of Christ.



BIBLE STUDIES

Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study

Our mission is to grow ever closer to the Lord through better understanding of His Word with study, prayer and praise, and through fellowship with our sisters in Christ.

We meet every other Tuesday, November 9 and 23, 6:30-8:00 pm in the Large Fellowship Room

We are currently studying the book of **Esther**. Study materials are provided, but bring your Bible - a study Bible if you have one. We would love to have you join us for fellowship and the study of God's word.

Questions: call Louise Jones at 874-0526



The Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study Group

are supporting two needs this Autumn:

Warm clothes for the men at **City Mission** and

The US Marine Corp's gathering of

TOYS FOR TOTS.



We invite our caring brothers and sisters of St. Bartholomew's to join us in these worthy endeavors. Collection boxes are on a table in the back of the Fr. Amend Hall.

Time is important this year, so let's act soon!



Men's Discipleship meets every **Tuesday at 6:30pm**.

All men of the church are encouraged to join us. See John Krull for more information.

The next **Men's Breakfast** will be **Saturday November 20** at 9am.

All men are invited.

Questions? Contact John Krull.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Andrew LaDuca, Margaret McCarthy
- 2 Brianna Hayes
- 3 Patricia Emmons, Sarah McCarthy
- 4 David Kisloski Jr., Mark LaDuca,
Riley McAndrews, Cathy Reitz,
Renee Szymanski
- 5 Karen Dolce, Larry Miller
- 6 Hunter Hayes, Sharon Lukacz
- 9 Channing Seymour
- 10 Autumn Bush, Judy Karnuth,
Norma Passino
- 11 Muriel Forte, Russell LaDuca,
Caitlyn Siegel
- 12 James Glowonia, Diane Hyzy
- 13 Janette Chiaravalle
- 14 Nancy Brylinski
- 16 Pamela Austin, Michael Hillery,
Larry Lade
- 17 Jean Service
- 19 Alice Csont, Paul Faust
- 20 Justin Johnson
- 22 Fr. Jacob Bush, Irene Scranton
- 23 Louis Oliveri
- 24 John Calabrese, Diane Merrick,
Caiden Socha
- 25 Ronald Derrett

- 27 Andrew Hillery III
- 28 Stephanie Fetter, Thomas Passino,
James Weiser
- 29 Delores Borzilleri, Isabel Gradzewicz,
Isabel Luckoski, Robert Nowak,
Molly Sammarco
- 30 Krista Clontz, Skye LaDuca,
Thomas Houston, Erin ??????????



DECEMBER

- 1 Marcia Brock, Khloe Kibby
- 2 Lucas Fish
- 4 Grace Ward
- 5 Richard Herrmann, Lindsay Tobin,
Carol Woeppel

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

PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR

November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 IRAN Pray for Muslims who are leaving Islam and accepting Christ.	2 TUNISIA Pray for the house churches throughout Tunisia.	3 CUBA Pray that God's Word will reach the most remote areas of the island.	4 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES Pray that those reading the Scriptures in secret will come to know Jesus Christ.	5 PAKISTAN Pray for outreach efforts to minority groups like Hindus and Shites Muslims.	6 BANGLADESH Pray for the encouragement of Christians, who are often the only believers in their village.	
7 KUWAIT Pray that those receiving Bibles will come to know Jesus through God's Word.	8 CHINA Pray that members of Early Rain Church will find peace amid ongoing persecution.	9 LEBANON Pray that churches will become more united and cooperative for the sake of the gospel.	10 KAZAKHSTAN Pray for wisdom to spread the Good News at all times.	11 DJIBOUTI Pray for continued stability so persecuted believers from surrounding nations can take refuge in Djibouti.	12 BURKINA FASO Pray that God will bring peace and restoration to Burkina Faso.	13 NORTH KOREA Pray that VOM's radio broadcast in the North Korean dialect will reach many with the gospel.
14 BHUTAN Pray for grace and favor among those reaching out to college students.	15 MYANMAR Pray that Christian converts from Buddhism will remain strong in faith.	16 LAOS Pray for wisdom as Christian workers serve God.	17 TANZANIA Pray for pastors in Zanzibar who are targeted by Muslim clerics trying to eliminate Christianity.	18 MALI Pray for peace, especially for a resolution to the conflict between the Dogon and Fulani people.	19 YEMEN Pray for Ahmed and his family, who are seeking asylum in a foreign country because of persecution.	20 INDONESIA Pray that believers will learn to depend on God, even amid persecution.
21 ERITREA Pray for the continued development of a Bible school for Eritrean believers.	22 TAJIKISTAN Pray for Christian events focused on the training and encouragement of Tajik believers.	23 UGANDA Pray that presidential and parliamentary elections will favor Christian ministry.	24 AFGHANISTAN Pray for greater access to God's Word through translations into every language and for every tribal group.	25 COMOROS Pray for leaders, pastors and Christians forced to rebuild their lives after being displaced.	26 MAURITANIA Pray that Christians will have access to God's Word despite government restrictions on Bibles.	27 VIETNAM Pray for Christian workers as they take great risks to distribute Bibles and train and encourage believers.
28 NIGERIA Pray for staff safety as they travel to check on families, get updates and distribute relief.	29 UZBEKISTAN Pray that Christians will remain strong during difficult times.	30 SRI LANKA Pray for those reaching out to children.	NOTES:			

NOVEMBER CALENDAR



... my family and health.

Fr. Ward

... smiles and laughter. Life is too short, and God is too good, to spend our days in a frown.

Jim Kibby

... freedom to go to the church of my choice.

Terry Gamble

...my faith, my family, my friends.

Cathy Reitz

... my wife, my children, and my friends.

Fr. Jacob Bush

...my family and friends who bless me with so much joy and laughter. I can always count on them to lift me up when I am down !!

Liz Burkett