



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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HOW DO WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD?

As our nation faces the upcoming presidential election and grapples with who has the best plan to address our societal issues and problems, one question remains: ***What is our role as the Church, the Body of Christ?*** Jesus gave us the answer in **Mt. 6:31-33**, when He said, ***"Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?' 32 For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."*** Therein lies the key. If we need to first seek God's kingdom and righteousness when it comes to the most basic needs of everyday life, how much more so when it comes to the more complicated matters of life?

But how do we seek first the kingdom and righteousness of God in all things? Follow, trust, and obey Jesus! God's Word is clear - the more we spend time with Christ in prayer, in His Holy Word, and with His Body the Church, the more prepared we'll be deal with life's problems and obey Christ's commands. These commands include Christ's call to go and make disciples of all the nations (**Mt. 28:19-20**) and to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth (**Acts 1:8**). The goal of the Christian life is to become like Christ so that we influence others so that they too might know and love God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (**Rom. 8:28-30; Eph. 1:9-12**). But how do we do that specifically? How do we actively engage the world with the light and love of Christ?

This fall, Deacon Nick Sluyter and I will be leading a ***Friday Night Bible Study—"Engaging the Culture with the Gospel"*** from **September 27 through November 1 (7- 8:30 PM)** that will answer such questions. We will equip you with practical ways to spiritually connect with others and share the truths of God's Word. Topics will include "Why Share the Gospel?," "Building Gospel-centered Relationships," "Building Bridges to the Gospel," and "Defending the Faith in a Godless Culture."

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St. Bart's Web Information

www.stbartston.org

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If you wish to have more confidence in being able to speak with others about your faith or are hesitant to reach out to loved ones because you don't know what to say this study will be a great help.

Deacon Sluyter brings over ten years of experience of reaching college students with the gospel. He and his wife Lauren are currently on staff with *Ratio Christi* at Buffalo State College. I look forward to working with him as we look at how we all can make a difference for God's Kingdom in our world today!

Yours in Christ,
Father Ward



VESTRY



Summary of the September meeting
will be printed next month.



**DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER
CHATTER is Tuesday, October 15.
Thank you.**



PRAYER MINISTRY

PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM

Prayer Requests – If you, your family and/or your friends are in need of prayer there are prayer request cards in the pews and at the front church entrance. They can be deposited in the church box at the front entrance. They are picked up twice a week. Also, you can request prayers online through our website under the tab “Parish Life” or this link: <https://www.stbartston.org/prayer-requests>

Intercessory Prayer – Sundays at the 10 AM service during the ministration of communion. See the weekly bulletin for dates. Also, look for the **lavender** Intercessory Prayer tags on people willing to pray with/for you.

If you are in need of some quiet time the **Prayer Room** is open daily during office hours (from 9 am till 3pm) and can be used before, during or after the weekly Saturday and Sunday services.

When you have had **Prayers Answered** and, if you would like to (confidentially) share them with us, you can do that by dropping us a note in the prayer box at the church entrance. We would love to hear from you.

Six Reasons the Church Needs Corporate Prayer

1. Corporate prayer encourages.

Life is hard. On this side of heaven we face sickness, sin, death, and brokenness. When we gather with other believers to pray we can “encourage one another and build one another up” (1 Thessalonians 5:11).

2. Corporate prayer disciplines.

When believers of varying ages and stages gather together to pray, we learn from one another. Just as Jesus taught the disciples to pray (Matthew 6:10), when young believers listen to the prayers of the mature and faithful, their faith grows.

3. Corporate prayer forms in us the habit of prayer.

Scheduling times to pray with others makes us more consistent in acknowledging that we are weak and God is strong. When we dedicate specific days and times to pray with others—prayer partners, elders’ wives, ministry leaders, women’s Bible study attendees, my friends and neighbors—we simply pray more. Corporate prayer teaches us that, “Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil” (Ecclesiastes 4:9).

4. Corporate prayer is needed for confession.

When we pray with others and confess our sin, we expose it to the light and Christ shines on us (Ephesians 5:11-14, 1 John 1:7-9). There is strength in gathering with others. If we are serious about battling sin, we must put corporate prayer in our arsenal.

5. Corporate prayer builds unity.

It is nearly impossible to hold a grudge against someone when you join him or her in prayer. Peter reminds us that the Lord’s ears are only open to the prayers of the righteous, and not those who are walking in unrepentant sin (1 Peter 3:12). As we regularly come together, we’re reminded to “maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Ephesians 4:3).

6. Corporate prayer invests in evangelism.

Lastly, but not exhaustively, praying with others invests in God’s work to bring people to faith in Jesus Christ. We see in Acts that “the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved” (Acts 2:47). As we pray, the Lord works to draw others to himself.

An Example to Follow: God graciously gave us the example of the early church, as seen in Acts 2, to spur us on 2,000 years later. May we not forget the power and priority of corporate prayer. May our small groups, Bible studies, churches, communities, and friends be known for prioritizing prayer together. [Jennifer Oshman](#)

BIBLE STUDIES



Women's Tuesday Evening Bible Study

meets at 6:30 pm **every other** Tuesday. They are continuing their study of the Gospel of John. October meetings are the 8th and 22nd.

See Louise Jones for more information.

Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study

meets at 10:30 am every Wednesday.

See Sharon Scott for more information.



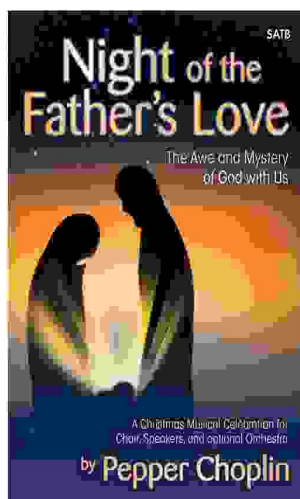
Men's Discipleship Group

meets every Tuesday evening, 6:30pm.

Contact John Krull for more information.

MUSIC NOTES FROM MARGARET BUKKOSY

October



LAST CHANCE

***“Night of the Father’s Love,”* our Adult Choir’s Christmas Cantata will be presented on Christmas Eve. If you are interested in singing with the choir, please come to the 7 p.m. rehearsal on Wednesday evenings during the month of October. Everyone who likes to sing is welcome.**

Please check The Chatter’s calendar for rehearsal schedules for the Cherub, Contemporary and Adult Choirs.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Please keep those from our Parish Family who are serving our country in the Military 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
James Kerins- Army
Sean MacLeay-Navy
Matthew Miller- Army
Matthew Prohaska- Air Force
Andrew Rebl- Army



FOOD PANTRY:

32 bags and boxes of food were donated in September. Remember that we collect for the Food Pantry the **first weekend of every month. NIACAP** is so appreciative of our donations. Please remember that they also can use personal care items, paper products and soap, etc.. *Let's continue to show them our generosity. Thank you.*



GriefShare meets
Saturday's, 2-4pm
in the Youth Room at
St. Bartholomew's.

Sign up on the GriefShare website or
talk to Al and Linda Matuch



Ladies Luncheon

Saturday, December 14th



3480 Millersport Hwy., Getzville

11am- An hour of fellowship.

Buffet Luncheon will be served
from 12-12:30pm.

**Cost is \$29 per person
due no later than November 3rd.**

Friends and family are welcome!!

**Call or see Fran Ballaro for payment
or for more information.**

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, October 19th at 9am.

Invite family and friends to join us.

If you would like to help with cooking,
we begin at 7:30am.



Dash's Receipts

Even though the *Bishop Scaife Guild* no longer 'officially' exists, we still continue to support several charities. We turned in \$5000 worth of Dash's receipts which earned us \$125. This money, plus proceeds from the Gift Shop, enables this work to continue.

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone that saves their receipts for us!!



Don't you just LOVE the Sunday Morning COFFEE HOURS?



If you do (*and I know you do!!*) please consider donating some **pre-packaged** cookies, coffee cakes, donuts, crackers, pretzels... donate whatever you would like to see on the table!!!! (*Sorry-- No Home-Baked Goods*)

If everyone pitches in on occasion, it is not a burden to a select few. **And remember to THANK the People that serve you each week!!**



EXPLORE WHERE GOD'S POWER CAN TAKE YOU!



TO MARS and BEYOND

OUT OF THIS WORLD!

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

GAMES ~ PRIZES ~ CRAFTS ~ CANDY

LOCATION

St. Bartholomew's Fall Fest
2368 Eggert Road Tonawanda

DATE & TIME

Friday, October 25th
6:00-8:00pm

To register go to www.stbartston.org/events



Operation Christmas Child

Boxes to be filled are available in the
Fr. Amend Hall.

Filled boxes need to be returned to the
church *no later than*

Sunday, November 17th.

Ten dollars for shipping needs to be sent to Samaritan's Purse for
each box you fill. An envelope is provided in the
“**HOW TO PACK A SHOEBOX**” pamphlet.

OR

You can make a \$25 donation on the church's website
and a box will be packed and filled for you.



Next Steps

A Generation Next Newsletter

October 2024

I will not fear!



How do you handle fear? In this series we learn what it means to rely on God when fear creeps in. As we dig into God's Word we will discover that fear can come from anywhere, but God is our solution! When our faith is healthy it is always stronger than fear. As we focus on God, He keeps fear in the right perspective, and as we trust in God He will give us courage in the midst of fear.

Next Happenings

Wednesdays, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Join us for our regular meetings filled with engaging lessons and activities
Dinner provided

No YG Meeting Oct. 23rd

Due to Fall Fest Set-up

Friday, October 25th

6:00 pm Fall Fest

Save the Date: Nov. 15th

6:00 pm Buffalo Battleground

Save the Date: Dec. 18th

6:00 pm Christmas Game Night

*"Let all who take
refuge in You be
glad,
Let them ever sing
For joy"*

Psalm 5:11 NASB

A Letter From our Director



Liz Burkett

As we take time to talk about how to deal with fear I am reminded of the Story of David and Saul. Saul was the king of Israel before David and when he learned that God picked David to take the throne, He got jealous and angry, so angry in fact that he decided to kill David. "While David was at Horesh in the Desert of Ziph, he learned that Saul had come out to take his life." (Samule 23:15)

David had every right to be afraid. In today's Bible verse, we see that He had Saul on the way to kill him. Talk about a scary situation! Saul was the king of the nation, so he had lots of resources available to go after David and kill him. And Saul wasn't afraid to be using them. The verse tells us he was on his way to take David's life.

David had a legitimate reason to be afraid. He was facing something really big! Have you noticed that it's difficult to not give in to fear when it feels like the thing you're afraid of is very big and powerful?

That's the thing about fear, it always seems big!

Fear in our lives always feels bigger than what we can handle. We face a problem and it just seems like it's bigger and scarier than we want to deal with. Problems can often cause you to want to give up or hide from them because they're just too scary.

However, when you're faced with fear, realize that even though it often appears bigger than you, you're not dealing with it alone. God is there for you, and with His help, you can face anything that you fear.

Fear is defeated when you realize that even though it seems big, God is bigger and you can conquer fear with Him!

In Christ,
Liz

On October 25th (6-8pm) you're invited to be a part of this year's Fall Fest called To Mars and Beyond. While traveling through six stations, families will participate in interactive games and crafts that help families discover where God's power can take them as they learn how God is always with them. We will need help to make this event possible so if you missed the volunteer meetings, but would like to take part please contact me.



Save the Date: Friday, November 15th – Buffalo Battleground. Join us for a night of laser tag and arcade fun. We will meet at the event center at 6:00pm and pickup will be at 7:30pm. Cost is \$20 per person and is due by November 10th. Pizza will be provided. A waiver form must be signed in order to participate in this event, so be sure to watch your email for the waiver form.

Save the Date: On Wednesday December 18th from 6-8pm we will be having a fun Christmas game night where teams will compete in 12 games to test your holiday wit and agility. Prizes will be awarded, and pizza will be served at this awesome night of fun, so don't miss out be sure to RSVP you and your friends by December 1st.



October Birthdays

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| 1 Ephraim Bush, Scott Stolz | 25 Kenneth Johnson |
| 2 Victoria Smith | 26 Kyrie Wandel |
| 3 Dona Fenzel, Shaw Freeman, Elaine Kyser | 27 Rosalie Pawlowski |
| 4 Pamela Fish, Sarah Hillery | 28 Mark Hersee, Clare Hillery,
Brienna Spence |
| 6 Mary Callea, Andrew Kyser,
Benjamin Wojnowski | 29 Cheryl MacDonald, Linda Matuch |
| 7 Norah Teall, Karen Wheaton | 30 Gary Bainbridge |
| 8 Teri Hersee, Abigail Weber,
Juliet Wilkowski, Mark Wojnowski | 31 Bridget Hersee |
| 10 Jessica Johnson, Timothy VanLente | |
| 11 Robert Derrett Jr., Micah Gray,
Arthur Ward Sr. | |
| 12 Carla McNamara | |
| 13 Rocco Brindisi, Dana Weber | |
| 14 Dr. Kendall Davis, Steven Gradzewicz | |
| 16 Cassandra Baldi, Nicholas H. Sluyter | |
| 17 Charles Ward | |
| 18 Jack Freeman, John McGee | |
| 19 Terry Storey | |
| 20 Eli Kibby, Tammy Krull,
Dorothy Ruhland | |
| 21 Ruth Brinkerhoff | |
| 22 Kimberley Hill, Denise Simon | |
| 24 Stephen Delisanti, David Randazzo,
Merideth Teall | |

A birthday in October
can be a special treat,
the harvest has begun
of pumpkins, gourds and wheat.
So on your happy day
here's a birthday wish for you -
May you gather joy & laughter,
love and friendships too.

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NOVEMBER

- 1 Andrew LaDuca
- 2 Betty Wandel
- 3 Patricia Emmons
- 4 Mark LaDuca, Cathy Reitz, Renee Szymanski,
Miles VanSaders
- 5 Karen Dolce

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

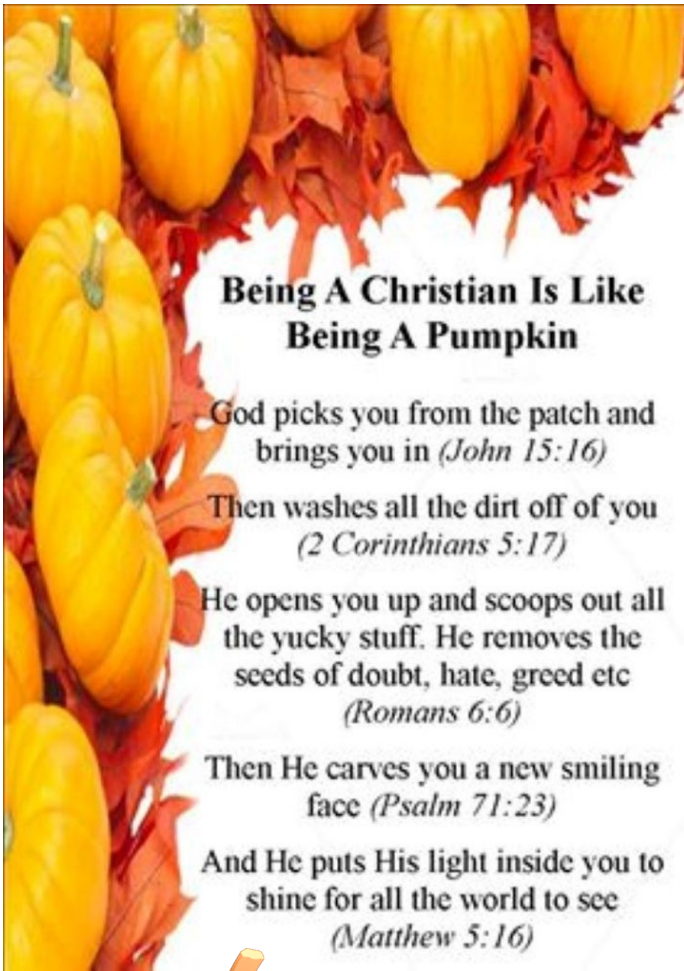
October Calendar

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30pm Men's Disc. Neighborhood Watch	2 9:30 am HE 10:30AM Ladies Bible Study 6pm Youth Group 7pm Adult Choir	3	4 7pm Fr. Ward & Dn. Sluyster's Bible Study: "Engaging the Culture with the Gospel"	5 10:30am Youth Conf. Class 2pm GriefShare 4:30 pm HE
6 8 & 10 am HE 10am SS 11:30am Cherub Choir	7 6:30pm Prayer for Israel Service-- N.Ton. City Hall	8 6:30pm Men's. Disc., Ladies Bible Study	9 9:30 am HE 10:30AM Ladies Bible Study 6pm Youth Group 7pm Adult Choir	10	11 7pm Fr. Ward & Dn. Sluyster's Bible Study: "Engaging the Culture with the Gospel"	12 10:30am Youth Conf. Class 2pm GriefShare 4:30 pm HE
13 8 & 10 am HE 10am SS 11:30am Cherub Choir	14 Columbus Day OFFICE CLOSED	15 6:30pm Men's Disc.	16 9:30 am HE 10:30AM Ladies Bible Study 6pm Youth Group 7pm Adult Choir	17 7pm Prayer Night	18 7pm Fr. Ward & Dn. Sluyster's Bible Study: "Engaging the Culture with the Gospel"	19 10:30am Youth Conf. Class 2pm GriefShare 4:30 pm HE
20 8 & 10am HE 10am SS 11:30am Cherub Choir	21	22 6:30pm Men's Disc., Ladies Bible Study	23 9:30 am HE 10:30AM Ladies Bible Study 6pm Fall Festival Set Up 6pm Cont. Choir 7pm Adult Choir	24	25 6-8pm Fall Festival 7pm Fr. Ward & Dn. Sluyster's Bible Study: "Engaging the Culture with the Gospel"	26 10:30am Youth Conf. Class 2pm GriefShare 4:30 pm HE
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PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>NOTES:</p> <p>October 5</p>	<p>1 AZERBAIJAN Pray for Christians who are sharing the gospel despite legal trouble and potential fines.</p>	<p>2 KENYA Pray that local officials and police will protect Christians and their church buildings.</p>	<p>3 BAHRAIN Pray that evangelists will continue to advance the gospel with zeal and joy.</p>	<p>4 MALDIVES Ask the Lord to grow a discipleship network for new believers.</p>	<p>5 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES Pray for continued access to God's Word through the internet.</p>	
<p>6 IRAQ Ask God to strengthen Youhanna, who battles chronic pain and has been rejected by his family.</p>	<p>7 LAOS Ask the Lord to give wisdom, courage, and joy to front-line workers in remote and difficult areas of Laos.</p>	<p>8 SOMALIA Pray that al-Shabab's terroristic plans will be thwarted (2 Thessalonians 3:1-3).</p>	<p>9 KUWAIT Pray for front-line workers who are training local believers in evangelism and discipleship.</p>	<p>10 OMAN Pray that the government will become more open to the gospel and understanding of those who follow Christ.</p>	<p>11 BENIN Pray for VOM's Bible distributions in a region where most people practice voodoo.</p>	<p>12 QATAR Pray for foreign Christians who have been deported for evangelistic activity among Qataris.</p>
<p>13 SYRIA Pray that Christians will not lose heart amid the civil war that has disrupted their lives for more than two decades.</p>	<p>14 ALGERIA Pray that Bibles confiscated by government officials will be replaced tenfold!</p>	<p>15 TURKMENISTAN Pray that imprisoned pastors and their families will experience the joy of their salvation amid suffering.</p>	<p>16 UZBEKISTAN Pray for the protection and care of Christian women suffering abuse and rejection from unbelieving husbands.</p>	<p>17 ETHIOPIA Pray for Christian widows whose husbands were killed because of their faithful witness.</p>	<p>18 CAMEROON Pray for the strength of front-line workers who minister to those affected by Islamist attacks.</p>	<p>19 JORDAN Pray that Christians who have lost jobs because of their faith will trust in God's provision.</p>
<p>20 TANZANIA Ask the Lord to bless the work of missionaries working among remote tribal peoples.</p>	<p>21 COMOROS Pray for front-line workers who are preparing Comorian Christians to share the gospel.</p>	<p>22 VIETNAM Pray for Christians who are being denied medical care and educational opportunities for following Christ.</p>	<p>23 SRI LANKA Sri Lanka suffered a brutal civil war. Pray that the unity of Christian believers will be a shining witness.</p>	<p>24 MALAYSIA Pray that permits will be approved for new church buildings where Christians can meet openly.</p>	<p>25 SAUDI ARABIA Pray that those interested in learning about Christ will not be deterred by fear.</p>	<p>26 MALI Pray that Islamic extremists will turn to Lord after seeing his demonstrated through the body of Christ.</p>
<p>27 KYRGYZSTAN Pray that local churches will be well equipped to minister to those who have lost jobs and turned to migrant work.</p>	<p>28 SUDAN Pray that Christian converts from Islam will share the gospel with their families without fear of rejection.</p>	<p>29 BHUTAN Many Bhutanese churches meet in secret. Pray that they will find ways to be salt and light in their communities.</p>	<p>30 TAJIKISTAN Praise God for front-line workers who are boldly sharing the gospel with Muslims! Pray for eternal fruit.</p>	<p>31 COLOMBIA Pray for Andres in his desire to "take the gospel to the difficult areas where nobody else wants to go."</p>		



Being A Christian Is Like Being A Pumpkin

God picks you from the patch and
brings you in (*John 15:16*)

Then washes all the dirt off of you
(*2 Corinthians 5:17*)

He opens you up and scoops out all
the yucky stuff. He removes the
seeds of doubt, hate, greed etc
(*Romans 6:6*)

Then He carves you a new smiling
face (*Psalms 71:23*)

And He puts His light inside you to
shine for all the world to see
(*Matthew 5:16*)

Despise evil;
pursue what is good
as if your life depends
on it.
Romans 12:9b

Let your light shine so
people everywhere may
see your good actions
and praise God in
heaven because of it.
Matthew 5:16

God is pure light,
undimmed by darkness
of any kind.

1 John 1:5

You were once like
darkness, but you are now
light in the Lord. So act
like children of the light!
Ephesians 5:8

Fill your minds with beauty
and truth. Meditate on
whatever is honorable,
right, pure, lovely, good,
virtuous, and praiseworthy.
Philippians 4:8

Never let evil get the
best of you;
instead, overpower evil
with the good.
Romans 12:21

I am the light that shines
through the night sky; if
you walk with Me, you
will thrive in the light
that gives life and will
not know darkness.
John 8:12

The Lord is true to His
promises;
He will hold you up and guard
you against the evil one.

2 Thessalonians 3:3