



# 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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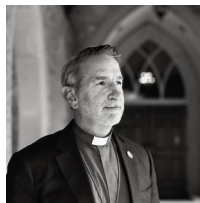
## The Chatter

SEPTEMBER 2021

### **A MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP FOLEY BISHOP**

It's not that often that we get a chance to hear from our Archbishop (please see below). In light of the ongoing challenges we face as a nation, I thought his message is very important for us to reflect upon and pray over. I also would like to welcome everyone back from the summer. **Our three service schedule will continue every weekend (4:30 AM Saturday, 8 & 10 AM Sunday) as well as our various Bible studies. Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 12. I will resume my Friday Night Bible Study beginning Friday October 1 from 7-8:30 PM. The subject will be "Maximizing Your God-given Potential: A Study of the Life of Joseph, Son of Jacob."** I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Faithfully yours in Christ, Fr. Ward



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Like many of you, I have been soberly watching the situation unfolding in Afghanistan. I know it has surfaced many emotions for people across the world, especially those who have personal connections with Afghanistan and the Afghan people. Whether justified or unjustified, war is always a tragic consequence of the Fall. While in war we can witness the greatness of human courage and selflessness, we also realize the depths of human sinfulness, as poet Robert Burns wrote, "man's inhumanity to man."

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St. Bart's Web Information

[www.stbartston.org](http://www.stbartston.org)

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Please join me in prayer for the people of Afghanistan, those Afghans and Americans seeking safe passage out of the country, and those on the ground continuing to help. Pray for wisdom for leaders at all levels who face very difficult decisions. Pray for the ever-growing underground Church in Afghanistan. Even more, pray that all Afghans, especially those in power, are met by the Holy Spirit and come to personally know the risen Christ. Please join me in prayer and fasting with special prayers in our worship services this coming Sunday.

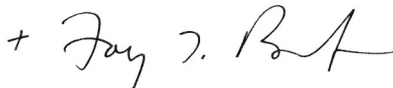
I want to send a personal message to all the military, foreign service, civil service, contractors, missionaries, and aid workers, and their families, who have given so much of their blood, sweat, and tears in service to their nations and for the welfare of the Afghan people. Know that your efforts are not in vain. You selflessly answered the call to service, sacrificing many things, and risking your own life for others. Many of you bear the scars, visible and invisible. Jesus said, "*Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.*" (John 15:13) These words may resonate so deeply in your souls in a way that many will never understand because they are words that you have lived by. However, our Lord knows. He also bears the scars. It is through His indescribable love for us that He gave His own life on the cross. The things of this fallen world will disappoint us, but our God never will. For those who are feeling burdened, please don't go through this alone. Please contact your clergy or one of the many veterans' groups. We love you and we thank you for all the things you have done.

Additionally, please offer up prayers for all those affected by the recent earthquake and tropical storms, especially those in Haiti, as well as the ongoing COVID pandemic. The depth of suffering, loss, and heartache so many are experiencing at this time can only be met by the supernatural Presence of the Lord.

As the world seemingly darkens, remember that the Church is to be a light to the world, pointing to the One who is the Light of life. Let us remain united together in Christ, as citizens of heaven, opposing the powers of darkness, and remembering what Saint Paul wrote: "*For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.*" (2 Corinthians 4:17-18)

*The Anglican Relief and Development Fund* has begun raising funds for support for Afghan refugees and the people of Haiti. Donations for Afghan refugees can be made via this link: <https://ardf.org/joseph-fund>. Those who want to give towards Haiti should give via this link: <https://ardf.org/relief-haiti-2021>.

Your brother in Jesus Christ,

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# VESTRY

## AUGUST 2021

**Future Strategies & Vision:** The survey results are still being analyzed. It is hoped Fr. Ward will be able to give an overview of the results mid-September.

**New Sign:** The new electronic sign on Eggert Rd. should be completed in the near future.

**Terry Gamble Is Temporarily Back:** Terry has agreed to be the choir director while a replacement is being searched. He has also agreed to direct the senior choir that will sing twice a month. If anyone is interested in joining the senior choir, please contact Terry. Jim Kibby and Eileen Arnold will lead the contemporary service once per month.



# 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  
Collection

## 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**

***NO MORE EGG***

***CARTONS***

***PLEASE***

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Dear St. Bart's Family,

While I am "filling in" as the organist at St. Bart's until January 1st, I thought it would be nice to reactivate the Senior Choir. We would meet through Christmas, and sing for the 10 AM service twice a month. Rehearsals would only be twice a month on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM. If anyone in the congregation would like to join us in praising the Lord in song for a limited time, please call me (832-6327), email me at [mandtgamble@hotmail.com](mailto:mandtgamble@hotmail.com) or see me at church. No one will pressure you, and you are not signing up for life!

Our first rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 8th at 7PM, and we will sing for the first time Sunday, September 12th at 10AM.



I hope to see you then! Terry Gamble



**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**  
**AT 6:30PM**

## Kenmore Lions Club

is sponsoring **FREE Eyeglass screening and Glasses** for children ages 8 and up  
**and Adults**

**Saturday, Sept.11 and Sunday, Sept.12**

at the Lincoln Park Arena, 260 Decatur Rd.

It will be held 9AM thru 3PM both days—

**NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED.**

Children under 18 must be with a parent/  
guardian.



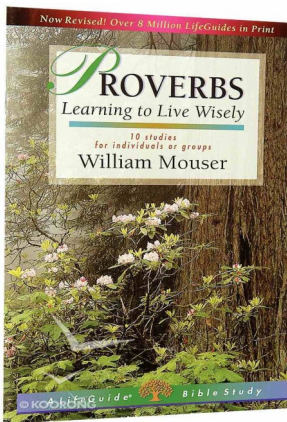
# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Men's Discipleship** resumes **Tuesday, September 14 at 6pm**

(NOTE the earlier time due to a Vestry meeting).

We meet every Tuesday, usually at 6:30pm.

All men of the church are encouraged to join us.



## **Wednesday morning Women's Bible Study**

**will begin September 8th at 10:30am.**

**We will study the book of Proverbs.**

**All are welcome to join us.**

## **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.

**Every other Tuesday, September 14 and 28, 6:30-8:00 pm in the  
Large Fellowship Room**

We will begin a new study on the book of **Esther**. We will read how God works behind the scenes through Queen Esther and her cousin Mordecai to save the Jews, who are on the verge of extermination.

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**



# Generation Next News

## September 2021

### Events For grades 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>

**Wednesdays**– from 6:30-8:00pm. A time of interactive Bible lessons and fun games.

**Wednesday, September 1st:** Out on the Town Scavenger Hunt. 6:30pm – 8:00pm. RSVP by August 25th. Drivers needed.

**Sept 22nd or 26th:** Fall Fest Volunteer meeting. See details in newsletter.

**Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** – 5 Wits Escape Room Event 6:30-8:30pm cost \$10 RSVP/money due by Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>

**Save the Date: October 22nd**—Fall Festival Heros Unmasked! 6-8pm. Volunteers needed see details in newsletter.

**Save the Date: November 19th** Lasertron Event 6-8pm

**No Generation Next**– November 24th due to Thanksgiving

#### For more information contact:

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Hi everybody, I hope you all had a fun summer

break! I definitely enjoyed our time at the Freddy Bowl and the Kingdom Bound Concert Event. For those of you who weren't there you missed out on a ton of fun



with We are Messengers and Reggie Dabbs. If you have never seen them before look them up on

YouTube they are awesome!



On Wednesday, September 1st we will be having a great photo scavenger hunt that will be a team event taking you around town to find and interact with various things. I will need drivers for this event so any adults who are available please let me know. We will start the night at St. Barts with Pizza and instruction on how the game will go.

Everyone will then be split up into cars to see how much they can find/accomplish in an hour. There will be prizes awarded. Invite your friends for a great night!

I am really looking forward to this Escape Room event on



**September 24<sup>th</sup>** at the 5-Wits located in the Galleria Mall. We will meet at the 5 Wits in the Galleria Mall at 6:15pm. Money is due by September 15<sup>th</sup>.

On October 22nd we will be having our Second Annual Fall Festival at the church where families will have fun as they go to interactive stations featuring crafts and games to help families discover some of the greatest heroes from the Bible and experience God's love. At each station, they'll dig deep into a valuable experience that



helps them get to know Jesus in a fresh, new way.

We will need people to help with set up and take down, be station leaders and helpers, welcome table greeters, and so on. Details on the event and sign-up sheets will be available at the volunteer meeting on September 22nd at 6:30pm in the large fellowship hall or September 26th at 9:00am. Pick the meeting that works best for you

These events are great, but our number one priority for Generation Next Youth Group is Bible Study. Our Sunday Morning Youth Bible Class starts on September 12<sup>th</sup> and is held in the confirmation room upstairs and is during the 10:00am service.

On Wednesday nights our youth group meets in the youth room of the church to hang out, talk about their faith, and play team building games. Our purpose with this program is to grow disciples, encourage in-depth life application, build relationships, share faith stories, and offer ongoing support. We encourage Wednesday night participation to bring the youth together in community. I hope you will join us for all the fun events this year.

In Christ, Liz Burkett

# SHINE

## Seeking Him In Everything

Here at St. Barts our SHINE Children's Program helps bring children closer to Jesus by engaging the whole child's heart, soul, mind and strength

Creative teaching happens in each classroom with high drama Bible lessons, and multi-sensory learning. The children are put into age appropriate groups (PreK/K, 1st –5th and 6-12th) where learning happens through fun activities, and interactive games. Suited to their age level. All the students are on a chronological journey through the Bible, so they can discover and apply all of God's Word to their lives.



The amazing journey of faith and fun is on Sunday Mornings during our 10:00am Services. Fall classes start on September 12th. For more information and to register go to [stbartston.org/childrens-ministry](http://stbartston.org/childrens-ministry)

THE ALL-FUN NO-FEAR BIBLE ADVENTURE!

# HEROES UNMASKED®

**AMAZING!** Fun for the whole family!

**GAMES ~ PRIZES ~ CANDY ~ SAFETY**

**LOCATION:** St. Bartholomew's Fall Fest  
2368 Eggert Road Tonawanda

**DATE & TIME:** Friday, October 22nd  
6:00-7:30pm

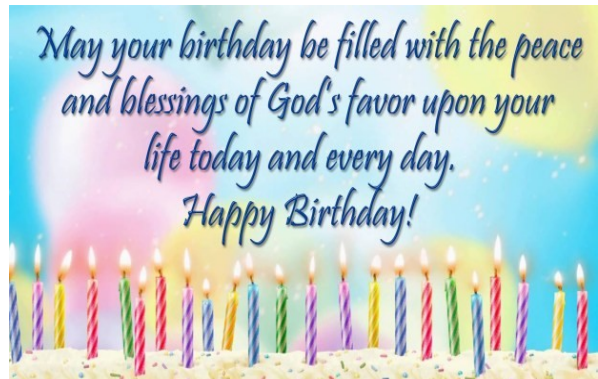
To register go to [www.stbartston.org/events](http://www.stbartston.org/events)



# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Angelo Morgante
- 6 Emily Begovich
- 8 Debora Geis, Dn. Gary Wisniewski
- 9 Kyle Kiefman, Donald Lonczak,  
Harry Sam
- 11 Justine McCargo, Brayden Santora,  
Evelyn Stacks
- 13 Joann Bush, Stella Sawicki
- 14 Dawn Glowonia, Danielle Loveric,  
Damian Sammarco
- 15 Dorothy Bauerle
- 16 Shawn Brodka, Jocelyn Clontz,  
James Daniele
- 17 Rebecca Hillery, Austin Loveric,  
Carianne McCarthy, Mary Rojek
- 18 Carter Heacock, Theresa Klotzbir
- 19 Ethan Brown, Mary Gamble,  
Alex Morgante
- 20 Lawrence Fenzel, Allison Karelus,  
Patrick McAndrews
- 21 Thomas Brown Jr., Elaine Craig,  
Robert Henzler, Joseph Rudin
- 22 Michele Bainbridge, Alexis Santillo
- 23 Jason Fish, Mark Prohaska

- 24 Fr. Russell Amend, Brian Lapp,  
Kiersten Lapp, Nathan Lapp,  
Aaron Machelor, Susan Rieman
- 25 Martha Francis
- 26 Alana Bush, Kelsey Simon
- 27 Wilson Emmons Jr., Julia Sawicki
- 28 David Dyviniak
- 29 Anita Chadwick, Linda Kisloski,  
Jonathan Welkley
- 30 Bradley Fish, Ryan Fish,  
Kimberly McAndrews,  
Jennifer Moyer, Abbey Sommer



## OCTOBER

- 1 Ephraim Bush, Scott Stolz
- 2 Victoria Smith
- 3 Dona Fenzel, Elaine Kyser,  
Shaw Freeman
- 4 Alessia Craig, Pamela Fish, Sarah Hillery,  
Joanna Jones

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

# PERSECUTED CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>NOTES:</p> <h2>September</h2>						
<b>5</b> <b>ETHIOPIA</b> Pray for peace and stability among regional ethnic groups.	<b>6</b> <b>NORTH KOREA</b> Pray for Christian workers who smuggle Bibles and other Christian resources into North Korea.	<b>7</b> <b>TURKMENISTAN</b> Pray for believers' integrity amid widespread corruption.	<b>8</b> <b>BRUNEI</b> Pray that Muslims will learn the truth about God and Jesus Christ.	<b>9</b> <b>INDIA</b> Pray for the encouragement of Christians experiencing prolonged persecution.	<b>10</b> <b>PAKISTAN</b> Pray for Bible-translation work focused on minority people groups with little access to Scripture.	<b>11</b> <b>KUWAIT</b> Pray for Kuwaiti believers who are forced to leave their families because of their Christian faith.
<b>12</b> <b>LAOS</b> Pray that Hmong Christians will have more freedom to follow Christ.	<b>13</b> <b>CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC</b> Pray for churches as they encourage thousands of displaced Christians.	<b>14</b> <b>NIGERIA</b> Pray for those in the Miango region, which has suffered repeated attacks by Muslim mercenaries.	<b>15</b> <b>MALDIVES</b> Pray for those working on a Bible translation into Dhivehi, the Maldivian language.	<b>16</b> <b>AZERBAIJAN</b> Pray for unity and friendship between churches and pastors.	<b>17</b> <b>SOMALIA</b> Pray for the families of Somali believers who have been killed for their faith.	<b>18</b> <b>AFGHANISTAN</b> Pray for believers who gather in house fellowships for prayer, encouragement and worship.
<b>19</b> <b>TUNISIA</b> Pray for the protection of Tunisian believers.	<b>20</b> <b>INDONESIA</b> Pray that Christians in Indonesia will be safe and fight to their Muslim neighbors.	<b>21</b> <b>CHINA</b> Pray for unity among Christians throughout China.	<b>22</b> <b>MYANMAR</b> Pray for pastors and believers in the Wa region facing increased persecution and imprisonment.	<b>23</b> <b>NEPAL</b> Pray for those ministering in remote areas of northern Nepal.	<b>24</b> <b>ERITREA</b> Pray for underground church leaders inside Eritrea.	<b>25</b> <b>MEXICO</b> Pray that believers who have been kicked out of their communities will remain strong in faith.
<b>26</b> <b>PHILIPPINES</b> Pray for the boldness of front-line workers sharing with Muslims and communist groups.	<b>27</b> <b>TAJIKISTAN</b> Pray for Tamara, whose husband was killed for being a pastor.	<b>28</b> <b>TURKEY</b> Pray that God will expand His kingdom among the millions of Arab and Persian refugees living in Turkey.	<b>29</b> <b>UNITED ARAB EMIRATES</b> Pray for Hanifa, who was ostracized by her family but actively shares the gospel with women.	<b>30</b> <b>ISRAEL</b> Pray that those persecuting Jewish Christians will come to know Jesus.		

# SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

## September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:30AM HE 6:30pm Youth Group Scavenger Hunt	2	3	4 4:30 PM HE
5 8 & 10 am HE	6 LABOR DAY office closed	7	8 9:30AM HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group 7pm Sr. Choir	9	10	11 4:30 PM HE
12 8 & 10 am HE 10am Sunday School starts	13	14 6:30pm Ladies Bible Study 6:30Ppm Men's Disc. 7pm Vestry	15 9:30AM HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group	16	17	18 9am Men's Break- fast 4:30PM HE
19 8 & 10 am HE 10am Sunday School	20	21 6:30 pm Men's Disc.	22 9:30AM HE 10:30am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm Fall Festival Volunteer Meeting	23	24	25 4:30 PM HE
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# Words to Ponder

