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GET READY TO CELEBRATE!

Sunday October 2, St. Bartholomew's will celebrate 50 years of ministry for Jesus Christ. Please join us for the 50th Anniversary Service at 3 PM, followed by a special celebration at Classics V, 2425 Niagara Falls Blvd. Mark your calendars and watch the bulletin for more information.



ANGLICAN COMMUNION NETWORK - W N Y

Renowned author and Professor at Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry, The Rev. Dr. Leslie P. Fairfield, will be the guest speaker for a very special event - Saturday October 8. The event sponsored by the ACN-WNY will be held at St. Bart's beginning with a 10 AM morning session, lunch, afternoon session with a closing Eucharist at 4 PM. Watch the bulletin for more information and for registration details.

ORGAN RECITAL FEATURING OUR ALLEN ORGAN

Dear St. Bart's Family,

As most of you know, our new Allen organ was purchased for the 50th anniversary of our church. It is a wonderful addition to our music program! I absolutely love it!

I have been in contact with the Allen Company, and they would like to "highlight" our organ in a western New York recital. The recital will be presented on Sunday, October 2, at 2:00 PM (right before the 50th anniversary service at 3:00 PM). Mr. Thomas Hazelton, nationally known recitalist, will be here to play the program. On this recital, you will hear the organ played in a variety of musical genres. I am anxious to meet Mr. Hazelton, and to learn from him. He has played for the Allen Company all over the country.

So, please plan on coming at 2:00 PM to hear our new organ at its best, and then stay for the for the anniversary service. The organ will be dedicated to God's service at that time as well. Please mark this important date on your calendars right now!

Terry Gamble
Organist



St. Bart's SUNDAY SCHOOL

The regular Sunday Schedule (8, 9:15 & 11 AM) and children's Sunday School will resume on

September 11. Parents, please be sure to register your children downstairs in the undercroft before leaving them with their teachers.

THE BISHOP SCAIFE GUILD

We'll be starting our Wednesday morning work meetings on September 14. All are welcome. We're planning on doing some quilting projects. If anyone has new cotton material that we could use for this project, please call Marilyn Alliger at 877-8335.

Tuesday September 20 we will have a *Mothers & Others* program. All Mothers and children are invited to the puppet program at 7:00 PM followed by a *Make Your Own Sundae*. There will be a sign up sheet on the table.

Coming Events:

December -TBA- Advent Cookie Program
January 1, 2006 - Report Brunch

HELP STILL NEEDED: Sewers to make bags for the wheel chairs and walkers of residents at the Episcopal Church Home. Materials are supplied.

Please check the display case for gift items. Call Marilyn Alliger (877-8335), Dorothea Haase (929-5745) or Bonnie Fleischman (875-6402) to order.

Please continue to support the *Bundles for Babies* project that makes up bundles for the less fortunate in our communities. Baby items may be left in the basket by the Guild's display case. Diapers are especially needed. These items are taken to the Network of Religious Communities office on Delaware where the bundles are made up.

THE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION OCCURS ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH!

47 bags were taken to the Food Pantry in August. Cake mix, canned fruit, peanut butter, pancake mix, spaghetti & spaghetti sauce, jelly, paper products and toiletries are needed. Please – no more egg cartons or coffee cans. Financial contributions may be made to the North Tonawanda Food Pantry. Please “double bag” your contributions of food - paper inside plastic is good.

GRAB A VEIL AND DIVE IN!

The Wednesday AM and Thursday PM women's group will begin meeting again September 14 and 15. Our study book will be Bad Girls of the Bible and What We Can Learn from Them by Liz Curtis Higgs. “Liz is a gifted and award-winning speaker and author who has touched the hearts and funny bones of countless women around the world.” All are welcome to join us in what promises to be an entertaining yet challenging Bible study, one which will give us an even deeper experience of God's compassion, love, and mercy.

CHOIR NEWS

Dear Members of St. Bartholomew's,

The singing season is about to begin! Won't you please consider being a part of one of our choirs this year? I have chosen a lot of beautiful music for all ages.

The first rehearsals for the Junior and Senior choirs will be Wednesday, September 7. Juniors will rehearse from 6:15-6:45 PM and is open to all children ages 7 through 13. They will sing at the 9:15 AM service. The Senior choir will rehearse from 7-8:30 PM, is open to all, ages 14 through adult, and will sing at the 11AM service. New faces are welcome!

We will continue with our highly successful contemporary choir for the 9:15 AM service. This is open to all ages, and families are encouraged to sing together! Our first rehearsal will be Sunday, September 11 at 8:30 AM, with the first Sunday singing on September 11.

Please consider singing with one of our choirs this year. God will bless you for your time and talent.

Terry Gamble

Organist/Choir Director

THANKSGIVING IN OCTOBER

Columbus Day Weekend, October 7-10, everyone is invited to join us at Four Mile Creek State Park in Youngstown, NY (just 4 miles from Fort Niagara along Lake Ontario). This is the fourth annual gathering and you are welcome to camp, or just come join us for fellowship and picnic.

Camping fees are \$22 per night or \$6/per car to visit for the day. There will be a Saturday night group campfire, at 11 AM Sunday we will gather for a worship service, and at 3 PM our Thanksgiving meal. In Thanksgiving tradition everyone is asked to bring food to share (God is in charge of the menu.) For reservations - www.reserveamerica.com or by calling 1-800-456-2267. See the sign up sheet in the foyer for supplies needed. For directions and more information, please call Craig Heer at 692-3649.

GENERATION NEXT - YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

- FUN Night: 7-9 PM - September 12
- Juniors Meeting - Obstacle Course - September 14
- Seniors Meeting - 7-9 PM - September 19
- Seniors Meeting - 7-9 PM - September 26
- Juniors Meeting - 7-8:30 PM - September 28
- FUN Night - 7-9 PM - October 3

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Come join the Women's Fellowship Group beginning on Tuesday September 13, at 7 PM in the undercroft. We are resuming our Bible Study of The Mystery of God's Will by Chuck Swindoll. It promises to be a most interesting discussion, dealing with topics that include: reading God's mysterious lips, the blessings of God's will, God's mercy, unexpected doubts and struggles, finding ourselves surprised by God, and closed and open doors. If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Henzler at 836-6725

CROWN SMALL GROUP STUDY

This small group ministry is a ten-week scripture study about being stewards of God's time, money and possessions. It is also about ways of becoming consistent savers, generous givers and prudent consumers. Two economic systems operate in the world: God's economy and the economies that people invent. The way people handle money is in sharp contrast to God's financial principles. Some people have difficulty in thinking of God being involved with our finances, but the Bible has much to say here.

Here is what the first St. Bart's small group has to say about the study: "What a blessing to study scripture and realize God's plan for us as stewards of his money. Insightful lessons! Delightful fellowship! Worth every moment invested." If interested in participating in the next Crown study, you want more information - please call Mark DiMaria (832-8505), Gary Wisniewski (694-9154) or go online to www.crown.org and click on small groups.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S COMPUTER CLUB

We will be meeting again on Wednesday September 14, and every second Wednesday of each following month, from 7 to 8:30 PM. This meeting will show you how to create an EXCEL spreadsheet with row and column totals. Examples will be shown on how to use a spreadsheet for budgeting, and using a spreadsheet to keep track of expenses and revenues for a youth hockey team.

ST. BART'S BOOK STUDY GROUP

We will be meeting again, for three weeks starting on September 29 at 7 PM, reading The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis. After that one more book will be read by the group, before Thanksgiving. Please join us!

ROAD RALLY

Calling all adventurous adults to a road rally starting here at St. Bart's on Saturday, September 24. You are reminded to be here at 2:30 PM *SHARP* for instructions and to select passengers for each car.

Drivers need to bring a phone book, Buffalo News sports pages, a small pail, a garden trowel, a brown shoe, a Bible, and a Dictionary. You'll follow clues that end up at the party site - where you'll feast ! All of this for just \$8 per person. See the sign up sheet in the foyer or call Holly Thompson at 689-9652.

VESTRY MEETING

A special meeting was held on July 31 to authorize funds for 3 projects that need attention. An AVAYA telephone system to replace the current outdated system was authorized at a cost of \$3,500. A circular driveway on the Fries Rd. entrance to enable handicapped access to the ramp and lift, repair of the sidewalks in front of the rectory, the Fr. Jones Youth Building and the rectory driveway was authorized at a cost of \$7,500. The rectory roof replacement and the repair of the east side of the church and office was authorized at a cost of \$5,000. It was noted that the present roof of the rectory has to be removed.

MISSIONETTES GIRL CLUB IS COMING!

Missionettes is a national Christian girls club that is coming to St. Bart's on September 21, at 7:00 PM. As each girl works through a 4-6 week program, she will do activities and crafts, play games, and earn merit badges. Each girl will also receive a t-shirt with their clubs name on it. The club will be divided into two age groups: PRIMS which would be kindergarten-third grade and STARS which would be fourth-sixth grade. In order to have both age groups available, If you are interested, please call Caroline Rudin or Michelle McCarthy.

THIS MONTH'S BIBLE PASSAGE:



