

St. Bartholomew's Newsings

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-----Vicar's Message-----

Grace, peace, and the love of our Lord Christ Jesus be with you.

God is faithful but also He is just in His keeping of the Covenants made by us with Him. There are two Covenants that we must exercise on a daily basis with our God. These are the Sinai Covenant (see Exodus 20) and our Baptismal Covenant (see Book of Common Prayer page 304). Jesus summarizes the Sinai Covenant in two parts to love the Lord with all our being and to love others but it is meant to be a summary. To understand the summary I must know and abide with letter of the Covenant. This same goes with the Baptismal Covenant.

I mentioned that God is just in the keeping of the Covenant. In fact I would say he is more gracious than just since he has called us to repent over and over and sent His only Son, Christ Jesus to reconcile our sinfulness in violating the Covenant. Such patience our Lord has for the sinner to change the direction of our lives and return to the peace and prosperity promised by God! There is no doubt in my mind that the fulfillment of the Covenant is universal love.

St. Bartholomew's exists to help us sinners change the direction of our lives and return to keeping the Covenants by learning and practicing them in our relationships and in our worship. Holy Scripture is our primary resource supplemented by worship, prayer, and good fellowship. I encourage all our members to frequently read Exodus 20 and the Baptismal Covenant. We want to keep these fresh in our minds especially with all the distractions we encounter every day. Let's keep first things first!

Thanksgiving is a wonderful time of the year to enjoy our many friendships and the infinite number of gifts that our Lord showers on us. A thankful heart is a happy heart and I pray that this Thanksgiving each of our members has a very joyous heart. Thank you Rosina for coordinating the Thanksgiving basket program. What a gift to families that are experiencing difficult times. Thank you Lord for giving us caring hearts.

Advent starts Sunday, Dec 1st. It is the beginning of our Church year and that means it is time to reflect on our giving to support the church. The Board has to have a budget and a program planned by early January. All giving is voluntary. We do not collect dues. We do collect generous contributions from the heart. I encourage everyone to have a giving goal and to make every effort to increase your goal every year. Pledges are nothing more than the goal you have set. Your discipline to work at your goal is tied to your spiritual drive and leads you to a place of personal happiness. Giving is a way of saying thank you. Make sure you submit your goal on the pledge cards when they are issued. Thank you.

My very best to everyone for a Happy Thanksgiving.
Much love in Christ, fr lance+

Note from Nancy **In November we will not have a potluck on the first Sunday but on the third Sunday in celebration of Thanksgiving. Turkey, ham, dressing, and rolls will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert.



Hostess List for November



Nov 3 – Kalynn/Peggy

Nov 10 – Cornelia/Ruthann

Nov 17 – Pot Luck (Thanksgiving Feast)**

Nov 24 – Betty/Carol

**Please sign up with Nancy to let her know what you are bringing to the Feast.

Note: If you would like to volunteer to provide a light snack and drink, please contact Nancy Brewer 386-496-3445.

A GREAT TIME Was Had by ALL at GIRLS NIGHT OUT at GREAT OUTDOORS ON OCT 1ST



THANKS FOR PLANNING THIS FUN, FUN EVENT, Gayle Schiller!



THANKSGIVING BASKET PROJECT 2019

Rosina Dennis- Assisting with Thanksgiving Basket Project food drive.

I took inventory of the Thanksgiving Basket Pantry and here is a list of what we need, what we have and what is needed to complete the Basket ingredients. Here is that list as of 10/16/19:

	<u>Need</u>	<u>Inventory</u>	<u>Remainder</u>
Corn Bread Muffin Mix:	50	4	46
Pumpkin Pie Puree	25	5	15
Cranberry Sauce	25	2	23
Canned Vegetables	100	49	51
Gravy Mix (Dry)	25	27	0
Pie Crust Mix	25	5	20
Instant Mashed Potatoes	25	2	23
Stuffing Mix (Large)	25	2	23
Gift cards for meat purchase	25	6	19

Not sure of amt. of donations- approximately \$150.00. This will determine gift card amount for the baskets. ~\$10- \$15 each if possible. Hopefully we will meet our goals.

Please make sure the Instant Mashed Potatoes will serve a family of at least 4 people, as well as the Stuffing Mix being either the large size, or 2 regular Stove Top Stuffing Box mixes. I discussed putting 2 dry gravy mixes in the baskets because one package only makes one cup of gravy. We can't assume people know how to make gravy from Turkey drippings, even though they may know how. If anyone wants to add something else to the baskets (spices, other dry pantry items such as sugar, or flour) that is up to them to decide how many they want to provide of the extra items. Right now, I'm aiming for a "typical" Thanksgiving fare, of Turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn muffins, 4 cans of vegetables and a pumpkin pie. Hopefully the family will have basic supplies in their pantry to prepare, season and complete their meal. I will give a complete report once the Thanksgiving Baskets are assembled and dispersed, including what was in each basket and amount of gift cards included. If anyone has a specific recipe they would like included in the baskets simply make copies to be placed in the baskets. If there are any questions or other ideas to make this project a great success, please contact Rosina at: Pinerose@windstream.net

Thanks to everyone working so hard to make this community outreach food project a reality. We can make a difference when we all work together. God Bless!

Sincerely, Rosina



Children's Activities and Family Fellowship



Sunday School Teaching Schedule for 10am Services:

Nov. 3 rd :	Sam Betty	Nov 10 th :	Ben Sheryl
Nov. 17 th :	Cherie Betty	Nov. 24 th :	Sam Cornelia

Upcoming Children & Youth Events:

- ~ Wed. Nov. 6th at 7pm: Youth Group Meeting
- ~ Wed. Nov. 13th at 7pm: Youth Group Meeting
- ~ Wed. Nov. 20th at 7pm: Youth Group Meeting
- ~ Wed. Nov. 27th : No Youth Group – Thanksgiving Break



The Worship Team for the recent Youth Sunday :
 Sheryl Shiver, Organist; Josh Dowda, Guitarist;
 Caden Harris, Calvin Hencin, and Samantha Shiver,
 Lay Readers



OktoberFest 2019



The German band was GREAT!

The Decorations were awesome!



Everyone had FUN, FUN, FUN!



Our cooking staff were awesome!





If you missed this event, you missed a great evening!