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Reflections from the Rector:

“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” – Matthew 9:37–38

Dear Friends,

A new program year is upon us — a new joyful season of opportunity!

This is a time of energy and anticipation as we step into all that God has prepared for us. Our parish family is ready to grow and serve in so many ways: Sunday School classes and Children’s Church, the Pumpkin Patch and Holiday House Market, a new Labyrinth in the Meadow Meditation Garden, opportunities to share meals, and ways to support our neighbors in need. Alongside these special events, the daily life of our church continues to flourish — worship, pastoral care, gardening and grounds, and the quiet but vital work of planning and administration.

Our Vestry has worked faithfully to help make these ministries vibrant and welcoming, and now we have the chance to join in that work together. Every hand, every heart, and every prayer matters. When you share your time and gifts — whether it’s ushering once a quarter, reading Scripture in worship, teaching a class, participating in the music ministry, helping with the nursery or youth, or lending a hand behind the scenes — you become part of something life-giving.

And here’s the beautiful truth: as much as St. Bart’s needs you, you also need St. Bart’s. This parish is a place where God’s grace meets us, where we are nurtured through friendship, prayer, and worship, and where we find companions for the journey of faith. Together, we are not just keeping things running — we are sharing the Good News, growing in Christ, and serving our community in ways that make a real difference.

I am praying to the Lord of the harvest to send us all into this good work — not out of obligation, but out of joy and hope. When the Spirit nudges you, I invite you to say yes, trusting that God will bless your “yes” in ways you may not even expect.

May this new program year bring you joy, connection, and the deep peace of knowing you are part of something holy and good. Together, we will continue to seek and serve Christ by welcoming and valuing all — no exceptions — and by fostering healing and wholeness in our communities.

Blessings,
Joseph+

(This closing phrase is from the new St. Bart’s Mission Statement, approved by the Vestry this summer.)

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Senior Warden's Corner

Thank you to all who made St. Bart's weekend a wonderful time for us all to come together and enjoy each other's company. As we move into the fall our activities are picking up – watch out for the resumption of Wonderful Wednesday, creation of a new men's group and the return of the infamous Pumpkin Patch. Whether you're new to the congregation and wondering where you fit in, or a long-time member seeking ways to share your talents, we will have a variety of ways to participate in our ministries. If you're uncertain on where to jump in please feel free to contact myself or any vestry member!

Jackie Raeth

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Any suggestions? Submit to same.

About St. Bartholomew's

We are called to be an inclusive community where all may encounter God's love. God strengthens, nourishes, and speak to us through scripture, tradition, and reason.

Our worship services are fully accessible in person and online, supplemented by a variety of other opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship. We welcome the indwelling of the Holy Spirit as we seek to follow Christ.

With God's help, we seek to share the unconditional love of Jesus Christ through our outreach and social justice ministries.

All have a place here.

- *St. Bartholomew's Vision Statement*

A NEW WAY TO CONNECT

Dear friends in Christ,

One of my greatest joys as your rector is spending time with you — hearing your stories, praying with you, and sharing in the life of faith. To make it easier for us to find time together, we've added a new scheduling tool.

You can now see the times I've set aside for conversation, spiritual direction, pastoral care, and ministry planning — and choose one that works for you. Once you pick a time, you'll get a confirmation and a reminder, and I'll be ready to meet you.

Whether you want to talk about life and faith, prepare for a baptism or wedding, ask questions about the Episcopal Church, or simply share a cup of coffee, I'd love to see you.

To schedule a time, scan this QR code or use the link in my email signature. Of course, you can always call the church office if you prefer.

Joseph+



HELP REPLENISH CMONA'S PANTRY

Community Ministry of North Augusta (CMONA), which St. Bart's helped to found, continues to be a vital source of food and care for our neighbors in need. The demand is greater than ever — three years ago, serving 15 families a week was considered a "busy week". Last week alone, CMONA served 37 families. As of July 31, 2025, they have already served 672 families.

For the second week in a row, the pantry has run out of milk, cereal, canned fruit, and canned chicken. They are also in need of personal care items. Please prayerfully consider helping by bringing these much-needed supplies **directly to CMONA** at:

Community Ministry of North Augusta
531 Belvedere-Clearwater Road
North Augusta, SC 29841

Together, we can continue to support CMONA's mission of serving "the least of these" in our community.



September Ministry of the Month: Kay Bryden Brown Bag

Below is a list of items needed to fill bags for September...
Please Bring Donations no later than Sunday, Sept 14th.

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|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 Cans of Vegetables | 1 - Box of Cereal |
| 2 - Cans of Soup | 1 - Box of Pasta |
| 1 - Jar Spaghetti Sauce | 1 - Box Instant Grits |
| 2 - Cans Evaporated Milk | 1 - Can Chicken |
| 1 - Can Fruit in light syrup | 1 - Toilet Paper |

For more info :
Dino Pierucci
via text
(803-442-3723)

Many thanks to everyone that has contributed to the Brown Bag Ministry.
The residents of The Ledges really appreciate everything we do for them

KICKOFF SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 7TH!

New season, new beginnings:

Adult Education at 9:00

Dedication of the Bluebird Trail

Launch of Children's Church

Worship at 10:00 a.m. - all are welcome!



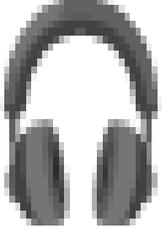

This fall, join us for an engaging series called, *Seeking God Together*. In this class, we will reflect deeply on faith and life in conversation with Scripture and one another. Each week invites us into meaningful dialogue about God's presence in today's world - an opportunity to listen, question, and grow together.

We will meet in the Parish Hall at **9:00 a.m. each Sunday**, beginning **September 7th (Kickoff Sunday)** and continuing through **Christ the King Sunday (November 23rd)**, just before Advent begins.

Whether you are a longtime member or new to our parish family, this is a wonderful chance to connect with others, share stories, and seek God's wisdom for our lives today. All are warmly Invited - bring your curiosity, your questions, and your hope.

For more information, contact Fr. Joseph at priest@saintbart.org.

Missed the Sermon? Listen Anytime!



Each week's sermon is now available as a podcast!
 Visit: <https://pod.link/1826528509>
 or scan the QR code to listen on your favorite app.




CHILDREN'S CHURCH

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 7
KICKOFF SUNDAY

CHILDREN'S CHURCH RETURNS - A JOYFUL NEW CHAPTER

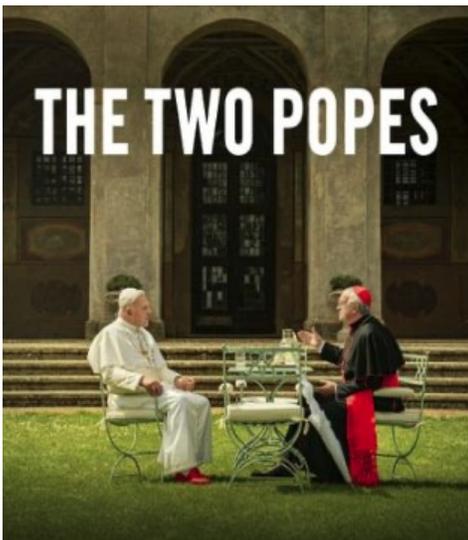
On **Kickoff Sunday, September 7th**, we launch our newly-structured **Children's Church**—a place where kids can grow in faith, have fun, and experience God's Word in ways that connect with their hearts and minds.

During the 10:00 a.m. service, children will gather in the nursery space for a time tailored just for them. Our youngest participants (**12 months – 4 years**) will enjoy gentle play and simple activities. Our older children (**Kindergarten – 5th grade**) will dive into the same Bible readings we hear in worship—exploring them through crafts, games, drama, and other creative activities.

It's a **combined group**, so “in-between” ages can join the parts that interest them most. Two volunteers will be with the children each week, ensuring a safe, caring, and engaging environment.

After Children's Church, the kids will rejoin their families in the church for Communion

We can't wait to share this new adventure with our kids and their families. So bring your children, bring your joy, and let's grow together!



WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS RETURN!

We're excited to announce the return of *Wonderful Wednesdays* at St. Bart's beginning **Wednesday, September 10 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm**. This monthly gathering is open to everyone - families, singles, children, and adults of all ages.

We'll share a **potluck dinner** (bring a dish to share!) and then enjoy a guided discussion of our first film, *The Two Popes (2019)*, led by Fr. Joseph. This acclaimed movie follows the surprising friendship and deep conversations between Pope Benedict XVI and the future Pope Francis during a time of great change in the Church. It's a story of faith, doubt, and finding common ground in unlikely places.

Please watch the movie at home ahead of time so we can dive right into discussion and fellowship when we gather. Don't miss this chance for great food, meaningful conversation, and warm community.

NEW CENTERING PRAYER GATHERING - FRIDAYS AT 10:00 A.M.

In addition to our Wednesday Centering Prayer gathering, we are delighted to announce a new weekly offering of **Centering Prayer** at **St. Bart's**. Beginning this month, we will gather every **Friday at 10:00 a.m.** in the **Chapel** located in the **David Thompson Ministry Center**.

Our time together begins with **30 minutes of silent Centering Prayer**, followed by **30 minutes of fellowship and reflection** over **biscotti, tea, and coffee**. All are welcome - whether you are new to the practice or a longtime contemplative.

This new Friday gathering complements our long-standing Centering Prayer group that meets on **Sundays at 8:30 a.m.** in the Chapel, led by the faithful and wise **Sister Linda Elston** from the **Convent of St. Helena** just down the road. That offering will continue as always.

With these two weekly opportunities, we hope to deepen our shared life of prayer and stillness. Come, rest in God's presence with us.

STEWARDSHIP AT WORK

“Giving frees us from the familiar territory of our own needs by opening our mind to the unexplained worlds occupied by the needs of others.” Barbara Bush

Year to Date receipts through July 2025:

	OPERATING FUND		Difference
	Actual	Need	
Pledge	\$ 147,801.24	\$ 158,366.68	\$ -10,565.44
Other	\$ 15,366.83	\$ 9,204.25	\$ 6,162.58
TOTAL	\$ 163,168.07	\$ 167,570.93	\$ -4,402.86

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If you are a member who has not pledged, please consider doing so. Just contact the church office, get a pledge card, and drop it in the offering plate. Pledges are welcome at any time during the year.



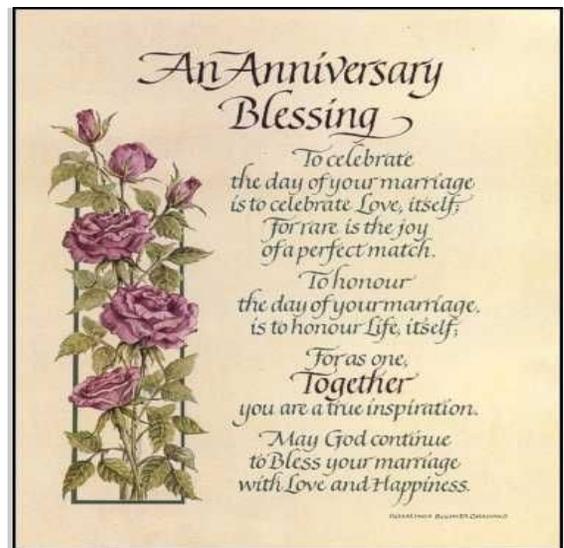
A Wish and a Prayer

When you wish upon a birthday candle, God hears it as a prayer. These dreams of your heart ascend to His heart, where they ignite in hope. Hope for happy days ahead, for making more good memories. Hope for loved ones coming together, sharing smiles and stories and hugs. For reasons to celebrate – big and small – and for joy upon joy. Each candle, like each

year of your life, represents God’s faithful care for you. He is always working things together for your good, bringing you more grace, making your hopes and dreams come true.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 7 Shellie Redwood
- 11 Susan Dunlap
- 16 Andrew Redwood
- 22 Dee McLane



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 11 Terry & Dee McLane
- 27 Mike & Carol Osteen



We invite you to purchase altar flowers in *Loving Memory of* or in *Thanksgiving of*, by signing up for a Sunday in the Flower Book, located in the Narthex. or by contacting Janice at admin@saintbart.org. The cost is \$45 and may be paid by cash or check, earmarked “altar flowers” in the Sunday collection, or by text-to-give: Text SAINTBART Flowers \$45 to 73256 using your text messaging. Standard rates do apply.

Pastoral Emergencies

All pastoral concerns including:
 hospitalizations, illnesses, deaths, child concerns, or relationship issues
 may go directly to Father Joseph via his secured email at priest@saintbart.org
 or by phone at 803-279-4622.

All concerns will be held in the strictest of confidence.



Episcopal Youth Community News

** The Youth Youth Meeting will meet Sunday evenings at 5:00 p.m. **



Holiday House Market — Nov 8, 2025 **It's not too early to be thinking about our Holiday Market!**

For those who are new to St. Bart's, this is one of our fund raisers for our outreach programs. In order to be successful, we need everyone's participation. **You ask:... "HOW CAN I HELP?"**

We are already looking for donations for our silent auction, contributing bake goods for our bake sale table, volunteering in the kitchen, help set up or clean up.

We serve breakfast & lunch. We will need breakfast casseroles made. If you know someone who can make a donation for our silent auction, please text Debra at 803-215-7777. If you have something new that you know you will not use, we can use it in the auction too.

We are also looking for outside vendors. You can help by spreading the word. For \$40.00 they get a space for a 6 foot table. Potential vendors can text Debra at 803-215-

CRAFTERS for CHRIST - will meet on September 16th

The BLT's meet on the **Third Tuesdays at 10:00 AM** in the BLT room on the bottom floor of the David Thompson Ministry Center (Admin Bldg) at the top of the hill. All adults are invited to join for fellowship and craft-making followed by lunch. Crafts will be sold during the Holiday Bazaar and the funds raised from this ministry support local missions.

We hope to see you there.



EpiscoPals Lunch

*The EpiscoPals is a monthly luncheon gathering for Adults 50+. It is a fun, relaxed time of fellowship and to eat good food! We meet for lunch on the **3rd Thursday** of each month in a different location. For some good food and a whole lot of talking, make plans to join us:*

September 18th - Brinks Tavern at 200 Georgia Ave., N. Augusta at 11:30.

This is a new place just opened across from the city bldg. Sign up Sheets will be in the Parish Hall. For more information contact Mike Osteen at 803-315-3549

**HEALTH
SCREENINGS**



**Health Ministry Screenings will be on the SECOND SUNDAY
September 14th from 9:30 am to 11:30 am in the Parish Hall.**

During this time, you can have your blood pressure, blood glucose and weight checked, as well as ask general health questions.

For any questions, contact Robin Petry,
706-836-3027 or petrymail@yahoo.com.

CASSEROLE'S FOR CHRIST - THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Zak and Felicia want to thank all of you that have participated in the Casseroles for Christ. They look forward to our delivery each and every time, and are so appreciative. They send their blessings.

In the month of August, we were able to deliver **52 casseroles!!** That is a new record. Walking Tall feeds approximately 25 people each meal, and they serve two hot meals per day. They normally use four casseroles per day which means that we provided approximately 13 days of food. If you don't cook, they are always in need of divided Styrofoam plates and 55-gallon trash bags.

Again, thank you so much for your participation. You are definitely making a difference. For more information: contact Dee McLane at 864-323-7552 or lmclane@wgu.edu



The Scroll

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
471 West Martintown Road
North Augusta, SC 29841

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 A.M. Sunday School
10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:00 A.M. Live Streaming to Facebook & YouTube
11:00 A.M. Coffee Hour in Parish Hall

St. Bart's Weekend—Sock Hop





St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

471 W. Martintown Road, North Augusta, SC 29841



FLU, Covid Booster, RSV and Pneumonia Vaccine Clinic

Sunday, October 5, 2025
9am to 1130am

Sponsored by Family Pharmacy of Aiken, Jay Watts, RPh.

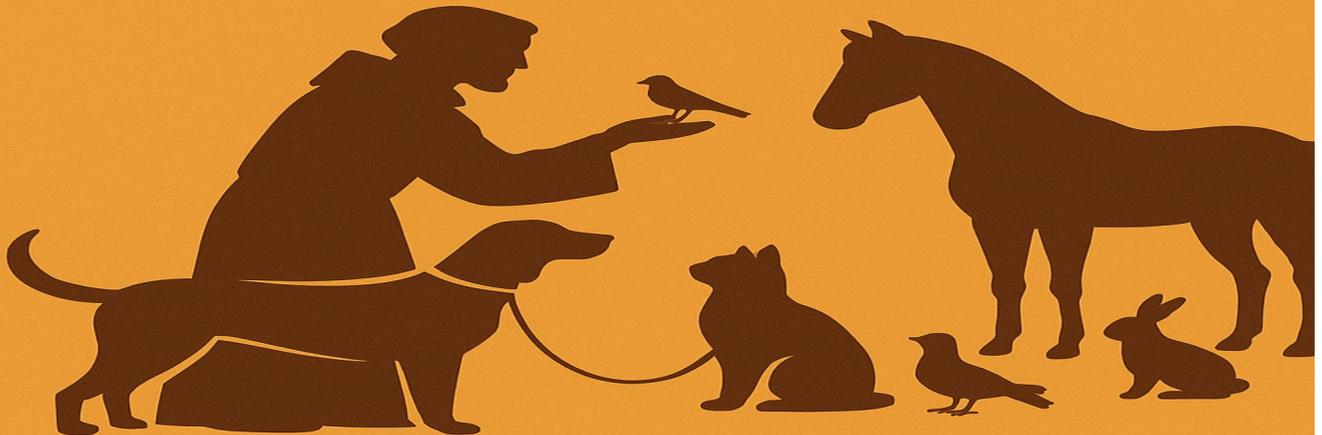
Vaccine options will include:

Flu Vaccine
Moderna and Pfizer Covid Boosters
RSV vaccine
Pneumonia vaccines

For Questions or to Register:

Sign up on the list at the church or call
Robin Petry at 706-836-3027 or
email Robin at petrymail@yahoo.com

**BARK, MEOW, CHIRP, AMEN!
SAVE THE DATE
ST. FRANCIS BLESSING
OF THE ANIMALS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025
(TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED)
OUTDOORS AT ST. BART'S**



**BRING YOUR FURRY, FEATHERED, FINNED, OR
EVEN SCALY FRIENDS FOR A SPECIAL BLESS-
ING IN HONOR OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI!**



**SAINT
BARTHOLOMEW'S
Pumpkin Patch**

Established 1995

Coming in October!

**45TH ANNUAL
HOLIDAY HOUSE
MARKET**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH
2025**

St Bartholomew's Episcopal Church
471 West Martintown Rd
North Augusta, SC

Grits/Egg Casserole Breakfast: 9am - 10:30am
Market Shopping: 9am - 1pm
Lunch: 11am - 1pm
Silent Auction: 9am - 1pm

COUNTRY STORE WITH BAKED
GOODS, JAMS, AND JELLIES
EAT IN OR TAKEOUT
PERSONAL GIFTS
LOCAL ARTISANS