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SEEKING GOD/OUR JOURNEYS
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Sr. Jane Bartimaeus shares her story with us and finishes with a question she asks herself, "What would Jesus do?" I believe right now Jesus would have us pray like we never have before. ~ Sr. Deborah.

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CALENDAR

**CORPORATE COMMUNIONS
REGIONAL GATHERINGS
July 2025**

Below is a list of the monthly Regional Gatherings and Corporate Communion. Meetings are open to all members (Sisters, Brothers, Workers, Companions, Friends and Applicants). If you are interested in attending an online Regional Gathering, please contact the Zoom Host and she/he will add you to the group's email list.

Regional Zoom Gatherings

July 26, 2025

Eastern Regional USA Br. David, WBHS, brdavidwbhs1@gmail.com 1:00 PM ET
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Arizona Time

In-person Corporate Communion

Pleasant Hill, Tennessee Sr. Janeen Julian, WSHS TBD

REGIONAL GATHERING/CORPORATE COMMUNION DATES

*****NOTE DATE CHANGE from 4th Saturday to 3rd Saturday in December 2025
July 26 • August 23
September 27 • October 25 • November 22 • ***December 20**

Call to Prayer. Please remember our Community in prayer twice a day 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM in your time zone and pray for World Peace at Noon.



**8:00 AM - Prayer for our Community
12:00 Noon - Prayer for World Peace
5:00 PM - Prayer for our Community**



COMMUNITY CHANGES

Please make the following alterations to your Green Sheets:

Updates

Please add **Bob Hoopingarner's** birthday to your WSHS?WBHS Birthday list. His birthday is Feb. 14.

Effective July 1: Sr. Alexandra Francis will assume the duties of the Western Provincial. We offer **Sr. Shirley Evangeline** our thanks and appreciation for her faithful service on Chapter as she completes her term as Western Provincial.

Green Sheets/Photo Directory

You are encouraged to explore our WSHS/WBHS website. Check it out!

Go to www.workersisters.org

- Centered above the group photo are the words:
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- Click on the word MORE. That will show another list of options. Click on MEMBER PAGES (the last option.)
- When it says to sign into your account, REMEMBER to sign in as: wshs.wbhs@gmail.com
- If you don't remember the password, please contact Sr. Christine.

Reminder to Sisters, Brothers and Workers

1. Please email your entire "Yellow" letter to your Cluster Leader including Prayer Requests, Recommendations and News Notes.
2. Email a copy of only your Prayer Requests, Thanksgivings and News Notes to:
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SPIRITUAL SHARING

I heard something new, which followed upon a reflection I read in *Forward Day By Day*. The *Forward Day By Day* writer put it this way:

“ At Christmas, we celebrate God joining us in our humanity. With the Ascension, God in Christ takes that humanity back to God. God in Christ did not descend and take on our humanity simply to be with us, but to drag us back up with him into the very heart of God so that we might dwell there forever.” To those images our homilist added the point that God then sent the Spirit back to be with us at Pentecost! Well, I never thought about Jesus sharing our humanity, being still one with God. Then taking our humanity as well as his divinity back home to God at the Ascension. It never occurred to me that Jesus’ humanity went back to God. Hummmm, I’m still pondering.

Of course, this has been more difficult than I thought it would be. Imagine that I thought I would be in control of some of this! God is laughing and so am I. I will say, on the good side, we have gotten closer through this time.

I’ve been reading the WSHS/WBHS Rule of Life out loud - this gives me time to reflect longer on what is written. What I think I’m most amazed about is that this Rule has been with the Community for quite some time. The ability to organize, construct and deliver this message in this written manner is a work of art! I have to confess as I entered WSHS (during the pandemic), I had no idea the depth behind the members/group/organization and the history! I feel like I am looking at WSHS for the first time. This is no small gathering of people Amazing!

I found that year after year I wrote monthly without a struggle as it had become such a habit. But once I broke that habit it wasn’t long until I had forgotten the next month and so on. I am not feeling particularly guilty because I let a lot go

during the past four months. I had to, but it has been a learning experience, and I am just realizing how easy it is to break a habit and how much harder to start or restart one!

I was in a very common-sense mode when Palm Sunday arrived and I suddenly saw the Triumphal Entry a bit differently. I've never heard of people placing palm branches in front of anyone else arriving in a city. Of course, Jesus was the most *different* person ever, but who thought of that? And then I realized that probably no city in that epoch had a Department of Street Cleaning, and all transport vehicles had four legs and a tail. So, for the first time, I saw the palm branches as coverings for, uh, parade droppings. Very considerate, I'd say.

I kept missing our Retreat sessions but I'm grateful for the Saturday session I did manage to log into. So happy to see everyone and share time and prayers.

I think all of us can relate to a moment of "out of this world" experience such as Sr. Lucia had in her car accident. The spiritual miracle for me was the extreme calmness I felt. I truly knew it wasn't "me". I was being carried. I dealt with what had to be dealt with, ministered to my two boys, went to my classroom the next day and taught, with the director of the school noting how calm I was and my saying, "It's not me!" This loving calm in a storm lasted maybe four days, the longest time I have ever felt that I was being held and carried through it.

God wants his Church to be open and welcoming to all people and unfortunately in many cases Churches are not. In cases where people have been in their positions of authority for many years, they sometimes can drive new people away with their actions. We talk about being a representative of Christ in the world, but often we fail to show it when it is needed, as in the case of new people.

I'm glad that someone made you feel welcome at that communion service. It was a small gesture, but it sent a large message. That your presence was appreciated and you are a special person in our community.

I'm enjoying life like I was 35 years old, feel like I can face anything. And now I'm better able to help some folks. Joining Worker Sisters and Worker Brothers is the best thing that happened to me.

Today I would like to voice my complaint about life's little inconveniences. For example, I thought that tomorrow I was going to be the liturgist at our church. I learned from an email from our pastor that I am not the liturgist. I had prepared what I thought were going to be my readings, but someone else will be reading Isaiah 6: 1-8, not me. Life is filled with many such snafus. How might I look at such minor moments and turn such incidents into something positive? I solicit your prayers about this matter. I let little things bother me more than they should.

Sargent Shriver's writing reminded me that peace requires the simple but powerful recognition that what we have in common as human beings is more important and crucial than what divides us.

Dear God, may we each find the courage to be bridge builders in this broken world, and with the clarity prepare our hearts for peace, purpose, and the path ahead. Amen

I'm having a tough time here lately. I've been staying at my friend's house taking care of her mom, dog, cat, chickens, pony, plants, flowers, bird feeders. I'm just exhausted all the time. She is supposed to be back next weekend. She has been hiking the Appalachian trail. I'm just all out of sorts and am really looking forward to getting back to my dull little life.

I guess I'm just feeling really down right now. I find the constant pain day and night is draining me. When I feel like this, I tend to be like a turtle and pull in my head. I don't communicate with people, I don't participate in many things, and I withdraw into myself. A lot of self-pity there. Today's meeting, though, helped me realize that others have worse problems than I do, that many people I know in WSHS are getting older, and all hang onto the hope they have in God and also to the faith they have that they are not alone in our Community.

Retreat was superb. The presentations by Doug Anning were wonderful. I'm sure everyone really enjoyed them. It was lovely to be there and have a chance to catch up with old friends. I felt as though I had a transfusion of love and joy.



FORMATION AND TRAINING

Seeking God: Our Journeys**By****Sr. Jane Bartimaeus, WSHS**

Sr. Jane Bartimaeus, WSHS, lives in Stouffville, Ontario. She was admitted as a Lay Worker in 2012.

I was always a child of the church, St. George's-on-the-Hill, Islington with the most charismatic clergy, Rev. Roland Hill and Rev Bob Dan who really believed in feeding their flock. Miraculous things happened there and they were so often that we were blessed by the presence of the Holy Spirit, although as a youngster I would not have been able to explain the situations as a visitation of the Holy Spirit

One family constantly had my attention as a very beautiful forty-year-old woman was there every Sunday with her much older mother. They went up for communion, walked back, knelt down on the kneeling pad and when they were finished, her mother didn't rise up. She had passed away saying her prayers. I can remember thinking what a blessed and beautiful way to pass over, to join the Lord.

Years went by, I was curious about faith, history, archeology, and things left behind for the next generation. Trinkets, writings, philosophy, family memorabilia, connections and travel, Egypt and its effect on subsequent generations to follow.

As years went by and my husband and I travelled, I had the opportunity to travel to Egypt and to experience a beautifully star lit, mystic temple all by myself and to be very aware of the souls of the people who had loved and worshipped in that holy space.

Because it was Egypt and I had an association with its history for sixty years and felt comfortable with their various deities, it was second nature for me to see God in many disguises.

I think as we stretch, as we become comfortable, as we learn to see the Spirit in those we associate with, we are blessed with our own God Moments.

In 2022, my youngest brother, James, who had served in the military and had been exposed to burn pits while in the military, died of brain cancer. His passing was heart wrenching and although my son and I had been to see him "one last time," there were many other family members there and as time passed, we left for lunch.

I was suddenly aware that I needed to go back as I was not sure that he had known I was there. We drove back the fifteen minutes to the hospital, I stood away from the window so that he could focus on me, I spoke his name, he struggled to open his eyes, smiled as much as to say, "I knew you would come back, reached down, picked up my hand and kissed it." That is my last memory of this complicated, loving man who was my brother. I wouldn't have missed that God Moment for anything.

I think it is the experience as much as it is the awareness that we are being guided to act according to the wishes of the Holy Spirit.

What are we called to do? It isn't difficult, we're people of the Word, we know the person who lived here on earth and who died to give us eternal life. The answer will always be "What would Jesus do?" Just do it.

Thank you so much Sr. Jane Bartimaeus, for sharing your views and very personal journey with your Community on this month's theme.

Questions for Reflection

Please remember it is not necessary to answer all of the questions.

Choose one or two that speak to you and perhaps you would like to share.

1. "Because it was Egypt and I had an association with its history for sixty years and felt comfortable with their various deities, it was second nature for me to see God in many disguises."

Ponder these words by Sr. Jane. Try to recall times you were able to see beyond the different disguises and sense God in someone, in some place or happening.

2. "I think as we stretch, as we become comfortable, as we learn to see the Spirit in those we associate with, we are blessed with our own God Moments."

If you have been on your spiritual journey for a while, you may have sensed the Spirit working, perhaps renewing your faith or gifting you with a needed insight. At other times, someone observing God working in your life is renewed or supported in their faith journey. Then there are those times, seeming almost miraculous, when the Spirit brings two individuals into a new or renewed relationship.

Take a moment to reflect and share any similar experiences. If there was a particular story shared in the Bulletin, that resonated with you, take a moment to let that writer know how much you appreciated their sharing and what it meant to you.

3. "I was suddenly aware that I needed to go back." In saying good-bye to her beloved brother, Sr. Jane was led by the Spirit to return once more for a final good-bye.

Do you remember a time when you felt led by the Spirit in a similar manner and if so, share this memory and perhaps insight gained from this experience.

4. "What are we called to do? It isn't difficult, we're people of the Word. We know the person who lived here on earth and who died to give us eternal life. The answer will always be "What would Jesus do?" Just do it."

Reflect on what walking the path that Jesus walked means for you today in your journey. Is there a particular next step that challenges you?