



St. John's Messenger

January, 2010

from Fr. John W. Morris, Rector

MARTIN LUTHER KING SUNDAY 2010 *“Prolonging the Dream”*

St. John's Episcopal Church is honored to celebrate Martin Luther King Sunday with the McCaskey High School Gospel Choir. On Sunday, January 17, we will be hosting the Choir with a 4:00 PM concert, award presentation and festive reception.

The students of the Choir have been sharing their love of gospel music since 1984. Through these twenty five years the McCaskey Choir has achieved national recognition by taking first place in championship music competitions including the Disney Music Festival. Under the direction of Ms. Colette Scott and Ms. Fatima Lewis, and with accompanist Mr. Keith Lewis, the forty four voices of the Choir have produced three CDs and touched the hearts of many with their uplifting performances.

As part of our Jubilee Ministries, we at St. John's wish to celebrate with the McCaskey High School Gospel Choir on their 25th anniversary and to acknowledge the Choir's life changing ministry with their students. In the presence of School District of Lancaster Superintendent, Pedro Rivera, and members of the Lancaster City Council, Mayor Rick Gray will present the Choir with the *Prolonging the Dream Award*.

This one time award is made in the spirit of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Junior's, "I Have a Dream" speech. Through our Jubilee Ministries we recognize the unique contribution that the McCaskey Gospel Choir has made in prolonging Dr. King's dream in the students of the city of Lancaster. Most especially we acknowledge that the message of the Choir is shared "on the high plane of dignity and discipline" that Dr. King spoke of in his speech.

We extend this award to the McCaskey High School Gospel Choir as a part of our larger vision of mission at St. John's. Our annual celebration of the memory of the Rev. Dr. King represents the commitment of our church to the city of Lancaster and particularly to the children. The most current expression this commitment is through our Eagles Nest after school program with the students of Fulton Elementary School. We also see it with our Christmas Angel Tree ministry, our summer Vacation Bible School program, and our other neighborhood focused ministries throughout the year. This is a commitment of our church community that reaches back from the neighborhood work camps of the 1960s, through the youth activity programs of the Great Depression, to the classes for the immigrant workers coming to Lancaster at the time of the founding of St. John's Free Church.

Our thanks go to the leadership of our Jubilee Ministries for their imagination and organization of our Martin Luther King celebration and McCaskey High School Gospel Choir concert. The energies of Dave and Sue Martin, our vestry representative for Outreach, Sibyl Freeman, and the other members of the Concert Committee is greatly appreciated.

I hope you will plan to attend our Martin Luther King celebration and McCaskey Gospel Choir concert and be sure to invite your neighbors and friends. Together, may we continue God's work of prolonging the dream.

John+

VESTRY'S WARDEN MESSAGE

December—2009

At our December Vestry meeting, your Vestry considered several resolutions. The following resolutions were passed at this meeting.

The vestry approved a financial plan for 2010 of \$444,700 in revenues and \$531,906 in expenses. It should be noted that this budget is based on no salary increase for our clergy, a 1% increase for staff, and our 2010 expenses to remain consistent with our actual 2009 figures.

Vestry also approved the appointment of Molly Moyer as the Chair of the Diocesan Delegate Nominating Committee. Our thanks to Molly for taking on this position.

Our final resolution was to recognize our St John's Saints for 2009. With great pride and profound respect, we honor Sue Breneman, Mike Gbur and Phyllis Gbur for their time, dedication, and commitment to our congregation.

Also, your Vestry has decided to hold a special financial retreat in the spring to discuss the economic challenges as well as the opportunities available as we move forward into 2010. This retreat will be in addition to the annual Vestry retreat in February where Vestry goals are established for the coming year.

As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of our Vestry members and they are always listed on the last page of each Sunday bulletin.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Loose
Vestry's Warden

Our St. John's Saints

We recognize this year's recipients of our St. John's Award. Their stories will appear in next month's "Messenger". We invite you to read their stories to learn more about the many ministries they are involved with at St. John's and how they have made a difference in the lives of many people. Congratulations to all of our Saints!

2009

Sue Breneman
Mike Gbur
Phyllis Gbur



2008

Betty Finney
Dave Martin
Sue Martin

PARISH REGISTER

Transferred Out

Craige W. Van Blarcom

Deaths

Robert C. Stoddart

“100TH BIRTHDAY!”



*To Our St. John's
Family,*

*We invite you to join us
in a birthday card
shower for our oldest
parishioner:*

Chet Connor

*Chet will celebrate his
“100th” birthday on
January 14, 2010.*

*Please mail your cards
to:*

*Mr. D. Chester Connor
1941 Benmar Drive
Village Vista Manor
Lancaster, PA 17603*

TREASURER'S REPORT

November was another good month in our continuing effort to close the gap between our income and our expenses. Revenue exceeded budget while Expenses continued to be closely controlled. The Property Committee continues to lead the way by maintaining the integrity of the physical plant while finding ways to maximize the benefit of every dollar spent. The net result of everyone's effort is a deficit of only \$38,000 at the end of November. Our projection for the end of the year is a deficit between \$45,000 and \$50,000. This is a significant improvement over the original \$88,000 budget deficit.

Fiscal 2010 budget has been submitted and approved by Vestry. The Finance Committee worked hard to find ways to make up for the reduction in Revenue that we are encountering. Budget Expenses for 2010 were reduced by nearly \$12,000 from the 2009 budget level. Unfortunately, a revenue shortage of approximately \$87,200 still remains. While this seems like a large number, it can be eliminated easier than what we all may realize. Let me explain...

The Expense budget for fiscal 2010 is \$525,906. St. John's has about 225 pledging and non-pledging family units that regularly contribute. If each of the 225 family units gave \$7.50 a week more, we would increase our revenue by \$87,750. The challenge is before us. Is St. John's worth not having a glass of wine with dinner at the restaurant? Can we skip that Big Mac and fries? If you smoke, maybe now is the time to quit and put that extra cash toward St. John's ministries. Maybe the \$7.50 is a stretch, but maybe some other amount isn't. It is only asked that we all prayerfully consider what we are able to do and then do it.

As always, thank you for what you have given, are giving, and will give to support St. John's ministries. Please feel free to direct any questions or concerns to either myself or any member of the Vestry or Finance Committee.

Submitted by,

Steve Latshaw, Treasurer

“THANK YOU!”

Dear St. John’s Family,

First, we thank you for the widespread support for the Rwandan HIV-AIDS awareness organization, INACOS. We raised over US \$800 to send back to INACOS in Kigali by selling the hand-woven baskets and banana leaf cards, and they were thrilled to hear this news. There was an additional \$500 raised a year ago in advance of the St. John’s effort, and so in total we were able to send \$1,300 to Rwanda in direct donation to this organization.

Fidel Nsengiyumva, the founder of INACOS, has informed us that this donation will be used primarily to establish more sustainable development projects for the women in Rwandan communities heavily affected by AIDS stigmatization. Fidel has written that he will be looking to develop programming that will first focus on “strengthening and empowering these women in modern handicraft making, and engage them in a competitive market of baskets locally and internationally...[and] secondly in training and capacity building such as marketing, making various handicrafts, etc.” Fidel has indicated that INACOS will send us a report outlining how they have used these funds.

It is clear that this money will be going directly towards engaging more women in the kind of work that INACOS has so successfully embarked upon, and we look forward to hearing updates from them in the future. We will share the updates with the parish. We thank you for your generosity.

Secondly, our family found the need to lean heavily on the St. John’s community in the past two weeks, and it was a powerfully positive experience. Our family drama began with a minor car accident on November 30th (ML at the wheel), which quickly morphed into diagnostic tests that showed a brain tumor – and a malignant one at that – which then morphed into brain surgery (fun!) and a few days in the hospital.

The clergy were with us lockstep – knowing what to say, what not to say – and Father John helped humanize our stern neurosurgeon (no small feat!) We have a bumpy road ahead, but are confident that with your help and prayers, we will prevail.

Thank you, St. John’s!

Mike, Mary Lou and Emily Higgs

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Dear St. John’s,

My family and I want to thank the kind folks at St John’s for the many prayers and well wishes expressed recently during a concerning time. Randy Day and the Bell Choir family have been very supportive to me as well.

Peace and blessings to all,

Debby Linton

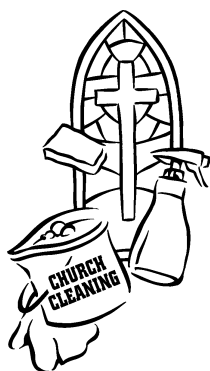
“THANK YOU!” (CONTINUED)

Dear St. Johns,

Thanks a lot for the care package. It's nice to get a reminder of St. John's and all the good times I had there, and I'll be enjoying the candy for a while. Have a happy holiday!

Sincerely,
Graham Henry

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Thank you...thank you very much,
to all of the following people who helped with our
Fall Clean-Up in December!

Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

from,
The Property Committee



*Hilary Becker
Phil Becker
Sue Breneman
Jim Crothers
Sue Heilman
Brandon Hickman*

*Janice Henry
Kevin Henry
Cricket Johnson
Matt Lester
Maxwell Lester
John Miller
Helen Miller*

*Cynthia Minnich
Jim Snyder
Michael Stank
Jay Williams
Jeannie Zeller
Ken Zeller*

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Dear St. John's Community,

In recognition of Mike and Mary Lou Higgs, my beloved foster parents; Kathy Novosel, my spiritual advisor; Leslie Morgan, Joel Cliff, and the J2A; Father John and Pastor Jennifer for their inspiration and support, and to the entire St. John's family—I am honored to have been among you for the last 7 years. I am going to live with my grandparents and I want you to know that I smile at the thought of you.

Love,

Brandon Hickman

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Sunday School News

Karen Di Pace, Sunday School Director

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas holiday this year! It sure seems to go quickly. I would like to thank all of the parents and teens who helped with our Christmas Eve pageant. A special thanks to our teachers for their support, and to Randy Day for all of his work getting the children ready. We could not have done this without all of their support.

Our church school children completed 10 lunch baskets to be given out at the food bank over the holidays. Thanks to Carol for heading this up!

Please keep an eye out for more information on the Martin Luther King Jr. Day events coming up in our church.

Also, plan to join us for Scout Sunday on January 31.

Soon, the Sunday School will bring the “Pennies for Peace” drive back to the congregation. This is a great opportunity to clear out some of that spare change that’s just laying around. Look for more information in the upcoming weeks.

Enjoy the quiet winter months!



Journey to Adulthood

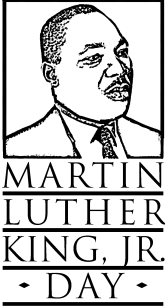
Mary Ellen Kilp, Youth Director

Youth News—January 2010

A great group enjoyed Christmas caroling with our shut-ins on Sunday, December 20th at Willow Valley. Pizza, hot chocolate and cookies were enjoyed after the singing. This is such a meaningful experience- many thanks to all who participated!

Thank you also to the many young people and family members who supported this year's Christmas pageant. The pageant continues to be a positive experience- and a welcoming venue for many new faces and families. A special thank you to Karen Di Pace and the church school teachers for their leadership.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CONTINUED)



**Save the date for a special concert on Martin Luther King Sunday,
January 17, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.**

We are privileged to welcome the McCaskey gospel choir to St. John's as we honor the late Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. On the following Monday, a special day long event for children will be offered at St. John's. Youth volunteers are always welcomed and greatly needed! Please let Sibyl Freeman or Dave Martin know if you are interested in helping.

We will be celebrating Scout Sunday on January 31. If you are a Boy Scout or a Girl Scout please contact Bob or Mary Ellen Kilp. We will be providing coffee hour that Sunday along with serving during the service.

SAVE THE DATE: All J2A students interested in being confirmed should mark their calendars for a confirmation retreat, scheduled March 5-6, at Black Rock Retreat Center. Look for more details to come. Please contact Mary Ellen Kilp with any questions.

Youth Calendar

- January 10** Individual youth activity.
Check with your group leader to see what you are doing after the 10:15 service.
- January 17** Martin Luther King Sunday, McCaskey Gospel Choir at 4:00 p.m.
- January 24** Youth activity after the 10:15 service, (snow tubing, ice skating or bowling)
- January 30** Contra dance with other youth from Lancaster County at St. John's from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM
- February 5-7** Winter Retreat (Diocese Event) at Christian Retreat Center.
- February 16** Shrove Tuesday Dinner
- February 27** Hershey Bears game at 7:00 PM
- March 5-6** J2A Confirmation Retreat at Blackrock Retreat Center.
- March 21** Root Beer Float and Game day after the 10:15 service.

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Selena Hasircoglu and David Kilp represented St. John's and the Diocese at this year's "P3Y" planning retreat at The Claggett Center in Buckeystown Maryland. They helped to plan the next "P3Y" retreat in April, 2010. Below are their written experiences from the weekend. They hope you will enjoy reading.

The weekend of December 3, 4,5 and 6 we attended the P3Y network meeting. There were four representatives from other dioceses. We arrived on Thursday night and we got our things unpacked and settled down until everybody got there. When the entire diocese got there we played "get to know you" games and we had an opening prayer service. After the prayer service we relaxed and just talked to everybody there.

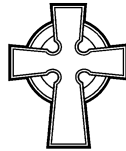
We woke up at seven o'clock Friday morning to go to breakfast. After breakfast, we had Morning Prayer in the Silo Chapel at the retreat center. The Chapel was amazing. It was actually the inside of a silo from a barn. After Morning Prayer, we went to the Cathedral of Maryland. The church was very nice and had a very interesting history. After we went to the cathedral, we went to church. We spent all day there cleaning the kitchen and helping where we needed to. After we cleaned up the church, we went to Inner Harbor and had dinner. We went back to the center and had evening prayer. We then spent the rest of the evening talking to each other and getting to know each other better.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

Saturday morning we woke up and we ate breakfast and had Morning Prayer. We experienced Morning Prayer in a different way. It wasn't sitting in the chapel and praying. It was yoga. We thought it was the most interesting way of prayer we ever experienced. We spent most of the morning in the common room where we planned the event for April. We came up with a fantastic idea for the name of the retreat. After we thought of the name we brainstormed ideas on what we should do at the event. The theme we came up is De-light, finding the light in Us, God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. We thought it was a great idea. Did we mention it snowed a tad bit on Saturday? Well when we say a tad bit we mean A LOT!! After lunch we had a snowball fight and we played soccer in the snow! That didn't last very long though, we got a little too cold, so we stopped after we attacked the leaders with snow! When we were done having all our fun it was time to get back to work. We put the final touches on our schedule and we were proud to say we did it. We really didn't know how much effort was put into planning a youth event.

On Sunday it was time to say our good byes. We cleaned up, got packed and ate breakfast and then it was time to go. We all exchanged numbers and hugs and said our goodbyes. I really hope this event turns into a success in April.

Selena Hasircoglu and David Kilp



STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to those of you who have made their pledges to our 2010 Campaign. We finished the campaign \$336,000.00 in pledges from 153 families or individuals. While this is a decrease from last year, we feel it had been a successful campaign in these trying times.

It is with great pleasure that we announce that Drew Dorgan has agreed to chair next year's annual campaign. Drew brings with her years of experience in running her own business as well as being a long time member of St. John's.

With Drew chairing the annual campaign, the Vestry Representative for Stewardship will be able to address other issues of Stewardship and Fund Raising (note: they are not synonymous) that have not been addressed in recent years. More to come on these issues in future months.

We would also like to thank those members of this year's Stewardship team who have already agreed to return next year. They are Leslie Morgan, Matt Lester, Bruce Waskowicz, Ricky Smith, Brad Zuke, and Marjorie Seachrist. The team will be on hiatus until February.

Lastly, if you have not yet picked up your pledge envelope box in the Parish Hall they will be there until January 31.

John Gouveia
Stewardship Chair

ANNOUNCEMENT

 **Youth Winter Retreat 2010** 

Christian Retreat Center, East Waterford, PA

Friday, February 5 thru Sunday, February 7, 2010

Youth of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania
Grades 7 thru 12

Cost: \$125.00 per person

So that we can provide the best possible experience,
the Registration Deadline is Friday, January 22, 2010

send check made out to "Diocese of CPA-WR10" with registration form to:
The Episcopal Diocese
Attn: Winter Youth Retreat
PO Box 11937
Harrisburg, PA 17108

See your rector and www.diocesecpa.org for additional information.



JUBILEE MINISTRIES

DATES TO KEEP IN MIND

4:00 PM, SUNDAY, JANUARY 17:
McCASKEY GOSPEL CHOIR CONCERT AT ST. JOHN'S

Meal Ministry Dates— “Volunteers Are Always Welcomed!”

Dinner Out—(Contact: Janice Henry)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13: 4:30-6:00 PM

Volunteers are needed as servers for a community meal to be offered at St. Paul's United Methodist Church on the corner of Farnum and South Queen Streets.

Community Breakfast—(Contact: Sue Martin)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16: 7:30-11:00 AM

A breakfast of pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice, cereal, and pastries will be served to the downtown community at First Reformed United Church of Christ, 40 East Orange Street, Lancaster. Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve the breakfast.

OTHER MINISTRIES

Blankets & Sew On - (Contact: Jeannie Zeller)

Updates: Many thanks to all of you who helped raise funds for Jubilee Ministry through our recent St. Nick's Knit sale. An estimated \$500.00 was raised through the combined efforts of our group and your generosity. Three prayer shawls were delivered to parishioners in December, along with prayers and love contained within the numerous stitches.

Thanks to Judy Donnelly for producing the cards that accompany each of our Pocket Prayer Shawls. (Card information, provided by Sue Purdy, has a prayer on the front, with an explanation of the Pocket Prayer Shawl on the reverse side.) If you are in need of a PPS. please take one from the display located in our Parish Hall.

Several of our members are presently knitting hats for chemo patients, an extension of our original purpose of "keeping folks warm". Please consider knitting/crocheting/sewing a hat for this purpose.

Ways to Help: Knit or crochet a pocket prayer shawl. (Yarn and patterns are always available in the Parish Hall.) Help a child/adult to knit or crochet. Knit a hat or scarf for our community folks in need of some warmth this winter, or persons undergoing chemo treatments We will supply the needles/hooks and yarn. As always, thanks for your prayers and support of this ministry.

Meets every Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall and every Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Becker House to knit hats, scarves, etc. for donation to those in need.

JUBILEE MINISTRIES (CONTINUED)

Door Ministry & Food Bank - (Contact: Bill Thompson & Julia Groom-Thompson)

Non-perishable food donations can be delivered to 1) church office, or 2) given to the Ushers on Sunday mornings. Weekly food orders are then organized for “families” or “single” people and are distributed from our church office on Tuesdays and Thursdays to those in need.

Eagle’s Nest News—(Contact: Dave or Sue Martin)

Remember the second Wednesday of each month the Eagles Nest program operates from 12:30 thru 5:00PM. Other Wednesdays of the month the program operates from the regular dismissal time of 3:15 to 5:00PM. Check out the bulletin board in the Parish House (west side near the door to Becker House) for photos and name of students.

Grocery Cards—(Contact: Cynthia Minnich)

Total sales for November gave \$475 to Jubilee. This was a good month. Keep up the good work! Don’t forget: It’s easier to use a grocery card at the store than to peel out cash or write a check. Your using one of our cards gives 5% of its value to our Jubilee missions. Remember that a \$100 card can be used as often as it takes to use it up. You don’t have to spend it all at one time.

AND YOU ARE NOT LOSING ANYTHING. YOU ARE GETTING FULL VALUE FOR YOUR CARD. THE STORE SELLS CARDS TO US AT A 5% DISCOUNT.

Participating Stores: Darrenkamp’s, Giant, John Herr’s, Oregon Dairy, Stauffer’s, & Weis

Recycling - (Contact: Sue Heilman)

Recycling containers for cans, plastic, glass, and styrofoam are available at St. John's. You can park in the Becker House parking lot (on Concord Street between Walnut and Chestnut) and walk to the left side of the dumpster where you will find the recycling containers sitting just outside the rear Parish Hall door.

Robert Fulton School Partnership—(Contact: Dave & Sue Martin)

Collection of the following items can be found on the ledge next to the kitchen counter in the Parish Hall. Moo Money (bottle caps), Box Tops for Education, Printer Cartridges, and Campbell Soup Labels.

Shalom Ministry—(Contact: Fran Gouveia)

This ministry is the guiding force for responding to the Millennium Development Goals.

Voyagers Assistance Ministry—(Contact: Kathy Novosel)

The 55+ community will provide errand help, doctor appointment transportation, meals, companionship, reading help and other small tasks for those at St. John's who may need assistance. Contact Kathy Novosel at 717-299-9738.

“Voyagers in the New Year!” - Our 55+ community continues to grow and meet monthly as the year begins. Our ministry of transportation and errands has assisted parishioners and continues to be available. We met on Saturday, January 23rd, in the Parish Hall to officially greet the new year and plan for future topics presented by our own talented parishioners and outside speakers. These include story telling for grandchildren, ancestry search by Andy Scheid, end of life planning at St. John's, and other topics relevant to our seniors. Watch for notices in the bulletin. Normally, we meet on the 4th Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Visitors and friends are always welcome, no matter what age.

No School? Come join us as we honor the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

“PROLONGING THE DREAM”

Monday, January 18, 2010 • 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



**MARTIN
LUTHER
KING, JR.
• DAY •**

- **MUSIC & DRUMMING**
- **PREPARE & SHARE LUNCH**
- **CRAFTS**
- **STORY-TELLING**

*This program day is appropriate for **children in grades 3-5**. It is open to the children of St. John's and their friends as well as our community neighbors. Participants are asked to arrive promptly at 10:00 a.m. and stay until the program concludes at 3:00 p.m.*

DETACH and return this form by SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2010. Pre-registration is required.

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**Martin Luther King, Jr. • “PROLONGING THE DREAM” • January 18, 2010
St. John’s Episcopal Church • 321 West Chestnut Street**

Child’s Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent’s Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Another Emergency Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Allergies, Medical Concerns or Restrictions: _____

I give consent for my child to attend this event: _____

(Signature of Parent or Guardian)

PROPERTY

The Property Corner

The committee again extends an invitation to all parishioners interested in fellowship and service as a member of the Property Committee. We value ideas and suggestions from many points of view. A volunteer to record the minutes of these meetings will be most appreciated.

At our December meeting we discussed:

Life Safety: A life safety inspection was completed on December 1, with existing equipment found to be working properly. As a temporary measure, radio communicating smoke/fire detectors were installed for the First Night celebration. Later, these will be re-located in the Becker House when our alarm company installs initiating devices in these areas. We are waiting for information on the upgrade of our limited coverage fire alarm system. A meeting is scheduled with personnel at the Fire Marshall's office.

Property Use/Lease Fees and Policies: A sub-committee met to further discuss property use and lease policies. After review, this information was forwarded to the Executive Committee.

Auditorium Improvements: Janice Henry and Bruce Waskowicz have volunteered to help with painting and auditorium improvements. Volunteers are needed to help with painting in other areas.

Nave/Chancel Lighting: Experimental lighting is scheduled to be installed in the nave after the new year.

Courtyard/Columbarium: Design concepts have been reviewed which include handicapped access, a donated labyrinth, elevator access, security concepts, and more columbarium spaces. Implementation is dependent on funding.

Nave Wall Leak& Roof: No further water leaks in the nave wall have been observed. A maintenance service will be cleaning the gutters and roof areas. As many loose roof slates have been seen on the lower roof, it has been decided to have a roof contractor to provide examination of both upper and lower roofs for quotes on slate shingle and flashing repair.

Hall Displays: A survey will be sent out to all groups about displays in the Parish Hall.

Leaded Windows: Awaiting a proposal suitable for filing an insurance claim for repair of vandalized windows.

Painting: Quotes will be requested for painting the exterior of the property.

Fall Clean-Up- Much was accomplished during the clean-up on December 5th. The weather held off nicely so that all the outside work was done before the first flakes fell. Thank you all for your good work. It was thought that if the next clean-up in Spring was scheduled after morning services, St. John's kids may be willing to help, too.

The Property Committee,

*Phil Becker, Jim Crothers, Bob Fields, Bill Gross,
Janice Henry, Kevin Henry, and Cynthia Minnich*

MUSIC MINISTRY

Advent and Christmas Eve Services 2009 are now but a memory. So is Fall. Winter is in full swing, bringing with it the cold and darkness that could squelch even the brightest holiday remembrances. The human heart reaches out for light, for hope, grasping above and beyond itself for whatever will keep the clouds at bay.

How does my heart process this? First by sharing gratitude. Gratitude for St. John's Chancel Choir Committee who gave so much these last few months to re-ignite this arm of the Music Ministry. Gratitude for those singers both regular and substitute who've offered their heart and talents in worship. Gratitude for instrumentalist guests who made our late Christmas Eve Service extra special. Gratitude for the Children's Choir who sang with energy at the 7 p.m. Service...and for parents and families who helped make that and our annual pageant a success. Gratitude for Handbell Ringers who extensively rehearsed and guided me in the composition of a piece for our Christmas repertoire of 2009. Gratitude to each and every Staff member and Clergy who helped engineer each service, working countless hours behind the scenes to see that all we experienced was done with coordination and expertise.

Already light is coming into my upstairs office. Not actual light, but a lightness of heart as I ponder how special each step of this new liturgical year and holiday season has been. If you decorated the Nave (or undecorated), read as lector, served at the altar, ushered, counted offerings, etc., thank you.

Now for some inspiration from another musician, found in one of the hymnals in my collection called Hymns for the Family of God:

Right from the beginning God's love has reached, and from the beginning man has refused to understand. But love went on reaching, offering itself. Love offered the eternal...we wanted the immediate. Love offered deep joy...we wanted thrills. Love offered freedom... we wanted license. Love offered communion with God Himself... we wanted to worship at the shrine of our own minds. Love offered peace...we wanted approval for our wars. Even yet, love went on reaching. And still today, after two thousand years, patiently, lovingly, Christ is reaching out to us today. Right through the chaos of our world, through the confusion of our minds. He is reaching... longing to share with us...the very being of God.

(author: Gloria Gaither)

May the beginning of 2010 be an Epiphany of Light, a time of gratitude as you reach out and up, grasping the hand of our God.

Yours,

Randy Day
Minister of Music

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Andersson, Hannah	18
Arnold, Judy	10
Bailey, Lyn	23
Bowen, Mary	3
Breitegan, Jon	7
Breitegan, Loie	8
Breitegan, Vince	7
Burch, Connie	29
Connor, Chet	14
Di Pace, Nicola	10
Doggett, Erin	22
Durand, Alex	23
Durand, Judy	7
Gordon, Jean	25
Hasircoglu, Chris	27
Henk, Alice	25
Hillen, Cooper	9
Kilhefner, Shelby	23
Kilp, David	2
Latshaw, Ally	12
Latshaw, Andy	27
Mausolf, Lily	29
Miller Jr, Howard	29
Miller, James	12
OHara, Nancy	17
Purdy, Sue	28
Rhodes, Penny	28
Rivera, Deborah	14
Smith, Ricky	21
Springer, Mark	18
Stone, Dylan	4
Strickler, Kent	25
Tahsler, Bruce	10
Tahsler, Martha	22
Tighe, Judy	10
Van Aulen, Ben	15
Watts, Ken	16
Youngquist, Richard	31

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Bush, Fred & Kay	1/9/1954
Crothers, Jim & Margaret	1/31/1953
Farmer, Richard & Mary Suzanne	1/10/1948
Honaman, Fred & Eleanor	1/10/1953
Morris, Father John & Cindy	1/1/1974
Nolan, Ken & Tinee	1/19/1974
Stonerook, Tom & Kendall	1/26/1985

FLOWER FRIENDS



A Special Luncheon!

In recognition and appreciation for the St. John's "Flower Friends" guild, there will be a luncheon in the Parish Hall beginning at 12:00 noon on Sunday, January 24, 2010.

Everyone who participates in decorating the church for various occasions throughout the year and delivers flowers to our homebound parishioners is invited.

Please call the church office if you are able to attend, so that we will have an accurate count of how many people we will look forward to serving.

Thank you,

Sue Breneman

PRAYER LIST

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List, please contact the church office and that particular person will be prayed for, for four (4) weeks. Continued prayers for that person necessitates another contact with the church office.



*Chet Connor
Nancy Eckenrode
David Finney
Linda Frederiksen
Mary Lou Higgs
Dorothy Lyet
Madison
Dorothy Merker
Michael
Mary Selene Miller
Molly Moyer
Ken Nolan
Dorothy Patterson
Ryan
Emmanuel Smith
Ingrid Smith
Nicole Strain
Jay Williams
The Rev. Erica Wood
Margaret Woodbridge
Clifford Yackly*

*For Our Homebound Parishioners and
Those Suffering from Addictions*

**THE DEADLINE FOR
SUBMITTING INFORMATION FOR THE**

FEBRUARY MESSENGER:

JANUARY 18, 2010

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Please remember those who are serving in our armed forces. If you would like to add or delete anyone from this list, please be sure to contact Patti Means in the church office.

*Brian Hobbins, Matthew James,
Howard Kane, III, Alex Kelly,
Kyle Kulka, Joseph Lombardo,
Sean McCormick, Karl Miller,
Julian Sellers, David Smith,
John S. Waltz, Joshua Watkins*

Please share with us information about your loved one(s) who are serving our country.

If you are in need of either an Episcopal service medal or Anglican rosary, please contact the church office.

A Prayer For Those in the Armed Forces of our Country

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

If Your Personal Information Changes...

Please be sure to contact the church office with changes to your personal information: change of address, telephone, or e-mail.

"Thank you for your cooperation!"

*Patti Means, Parish Secretary
717-299-1188 or patti@stjohns-lancaster.org*

SERVING SCHEDULE - JANUARY, 2010

FOR ALL THOSE SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S: PLEASE NOTE!

If you are unable to fulfill your serving duties, it will be your responsibility to find a replacement. Once you have located a replacement, please be sure to call the Church Office with your name, the name of your replacement, and the date you were scheduled to serve. If you reach our voice mail system, **simply dial "0"** to leave your message. If you call the Church Office after working hours, your call will still be received by a staff member prior to the Sunday service.

Please avoid contacting Aaron Spicher, personally, with this type of information. Aaron will receive your information through the Church Office. *"Thank you for your cooperation!"*

JANUARY 3	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Bill Moyer, Ricky Smith	Michael Stank, Judy Arnold
Eucharistic Visitor	—	—
Lectors	Aaron Spicher, Sue Breneman, Ray Manlove, Peggy Craige, Ricky Smith	Frank Cummins, Jeannie Zeller, Fran Gouveia, David Dissinger, Paula Wolf, Phil Purdy
Server	—	Selena Hasircoglu
Crucifer	—	Phil Becker
Torch Bearers	—	Michael Hreben, Brooks Morgan
Altar Guild	Team 4	Team 4
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	—	Bruce Waskowicz
Coffee Hour Host	Angel Tree Ministry	Angel Tree Ministry
Nursery	—	Tracy Cliff
Flower Friend		

JANUARY 10	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Max Heider, Merle Schnee	Judy Arnold, Eric Waskowicz
Eucharistic Visitor	Phil Becker, Ricky Smith	Peter Novosel, Robin Ott
Lector	Sue Breneman	Jeannie Zeller
Server	Joanie Kilhefner	Rachel Hreben, David Kilp
Crucifer	—	Dan Dorgan
Torch Bearers	—	Emma Di Pace, Aidan Cliff
Altar Guild	Team 5	Team 5
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team B
Greeter	—	Leslie Morgan
Coffee Hour Host	Vestry	Vestry
Nursery	—	Phyllis Gbur
Flower Friend		

SERVING SCHEDULE - JANUARY, 2010

JANUARY 17	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Bill Moyer, Ricky Smith	Karin Bleecker, Sibyl Freeman
Eucharistic Visitor	—	The Purdys & The Honamans
Lector	Peggy Craige	Frank Cummins
Server	—	Ellie Walsh, John Waskowicz
Crucifer	—	Brad Moyer
Torch Bearer	—	Amy Dissinger, Brooks Morgan
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team C
Greeter	—	John Gouveia
Coffee Hour Host	Jubilee Ministires	Jubilee Ministries
Nursery	—	Marla Lester
Flower Friend		

JANUARY 24	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Max Heider, Kathy Novosel	Jan Brown, Brian Gross
Eucharistic Visitor	Stephanie McGovern	Joanna Sweeney, C. Weaver-Gelzer
Lector	Kathy Novosel	David Dissinger
Server	Joanie Kilhefner	Lauren Waskowicz
Crucifer	—	Dave Pennell
Torch Bearer	—	Aidan Cliff, Aaron Hasircoglu
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team D
Greeter	—	Peter Novosel
Coffee Hour Host	Handbell Choir	Handbell Choir
Nursery	—	Janelle Stone
Flower Friend		



SERVING SCHEDULE - JANUARY, 2010

JANUARY 31	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Bill Moyer, Ricky Smith	James Glazier, Carl Hartman
Eucharistic Visitor	—	Jan Brown, Don Durand
Lector	Ricky Smith	Fran Gouveia
Server	—	Eric Freeman
Crucifer	—	Garth Alexander
Torch Bearer	—	Michael Hreben, Dylan Stone
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	—	Jill Gross
Coffee Hour Host	Boy Scouts	Boy Scouts
Nursery	—	Cindy Morris
Flower Friend		

FEBRUARY 7	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Kathy Novosel, Merle Schnee	Brad Moyer, Peter Novosel
Eucharistic Visitor		
Lector	Sue Breneman	Bob Kilp
Server	Joanie Kilhefner	Sarah Gordon
Crucifer	—	Garth Alexander
Torch Bearer	—	Emily Di Pace, Brooks Morgan
Altar Guild	Team 4	Team 4
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	—	
Coffee Hour Host		
Nursery	—	Sue Hurlburt
Flower Friend		

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BECOME INVOLVED IN SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S:

For Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Servers, Crucifers, or Torch Bearers: Contact Betty Finney
 For Eucharistic Visitors: Contact The Rev. Priscilla Ginolfi
 For Altar Guild: Contact Cynthia Minnich
 For Ushers: Contact Mike Gbur
 For Greeters or Coffee Hour Hosts: Contact Bruce & Mary Waskowicz

* Contact telephone numbers for these people can be found in the new Parish Directory and copies are available in the Parish Hall on any Sunday.

JANUARY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 CHRISTMAS I 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00 AM Coffee Hr. Knitters (PH) 10:15 AM Choral Eucharist Rite II 11:30 AM Coffee Hour (PH) 7:15 PM AA (AP)	28 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP)	29 9:00 AM MESSENGER MAILING (PH) 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM AA (AP) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM VA (PH)	30 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 12:05 PM Healing Service 6:30 PM Blankets & Sew On (BH)	31 COUNTDOWN LANCASTER 1:00 PM Dinner Preparation (PH) 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Community Dinner (PH) 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM 12 Step (AP)	1 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP)	2
3 2ND SUN AFTER CHRISTMAS CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00 AM Cocoa Hour (AP) 9:00 AM Coffee Hr. Knitters (PH) 9:15 AM Classes 9:30 AM Chancel Choir 10:15 AM Choral Eucharist Rite II 11:30 AM Children's Choir 11:30 AM Coffee Hour (PH) 12:00 PM Church School Teachers (BH) 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM De-Decoration 7:15 PM AA (AP)	4 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 7:00 PM Property Committee (BH) 7:30 PM Ministries Council (BH 2FL)	5 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM AA (AP) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM VA (PH) 7:30 PM Handbells (Choir Room)	6 EPIPHANY 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 12:05 PM Healing Service 3:15 PM - 5:00 PM Eagle's Nest (PH) 6:30 PM Blankets & Sew On (BH) 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Chancel Choir (Choir Rm)	7 7:00 PM Worship Committee (BH) 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM 12 Step (AP)	8 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP)	9 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Baptismal Conference (AP)
10 BAPTISM OF OUR LORD 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00 AM Cocoa Hour (AP) 9:00 AM Coffee Hr. Knitters (PH) 9:15 AM Classes 9:30 AM Chancel Choir 10:15 AM Choral Eucharist Rite II & Baptism 11:30 AM Children's Choir 11:30 AM Coffee Hour (PH) 7:15 PM AA (AP)	11 PASTOR JENNIFER RETURNS 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 7:00 PM Executive Committee (BH)	12 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM AA (AP) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM VA (PH) 7:30 PM Handbells (Choir Room)	13 11:30 AM - 5:00 PM Eagle's Nest (PH) 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 12:05 PM Healing Service 4:45 PM Serve Dinner @ St Paul's 6:30 PM Blankets & Sew On (BH) 7:00 PM Finance Committee (2nd Fl BH) 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Chancel Choir (Choir Rm)	14 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM 12 Step (AP)	15 10:30 AM Hamilton Arms Eucharist 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 7:30 PM Popcorn Theology (PH)	16 8:00 AM Serve Breakfast @ 1st Reformed 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM Chet Connor's 100th B-Day Party 6:30 PM Traditional Dance (Aud)
17 2ND SUN AFTER EPIPHANY Birthdays/Anniversaries 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00 AM Cocoa Hour (AP) 9:00 AM Coffee Hr. Knitters (PH) 9:15 AM Classes 9:30 AM Chancel Choir 10:15 AM Choral Eucharist Rite II 11:30 AM Children's Choir 11:30 AM Coffee Hour (PH) 4:00 PM McCaskey Gospel Choir Concert (Church) 7:15 PM AA (AP)	18 MESSENGER DEADLINE 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting (AP)	19 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM AA (AP) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM VA (PH) 7:30 PM Handbells (Choir Room)	20 10:00 AM Homestead Village Eucharist 11:30 AM MDG Prayer Service (Chapel) 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 12:05 PM Healing Service 3:15 PM - 5:00 PM Eagle's Nest (PH) 6:30 PM Blankets & Sew On (BH) 7:00 PM Finance Committee (2nd Fl BH) 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Chancel Choir (Choir Rm)	21 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM 12 Step (AP)	22 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP)	23 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Voyagers (PH)
24 3RD SUN AFTER EPIPHANY 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00 AM Cocoa Hour (AP) 9:00 AM Coffee Hr. Knitters (PH) 9:15 AM Classes 9:30 AM Chancel Choir 10:15 AM Choral Eucharist Rite II 11:30 AM Children's Choir 11:30 AM Coffee Hour (PH) 12:00 PM Flower Guild Luncheon & Meeting 7:15 PM AA (AP)	25 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP)	26 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM AA (AP) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM VA (PH) 7:30 PM Handbells (Choir Room)	27 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 12:05 PM Healing Service 3:15 PM - 5:00 PM Eagle's Nest (PH) 6:30 PM Blankets & Sew On (BH) 7:00 PM Finance Committee (2nd Fl BH) 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Chancel Choir (Choir Rm)	28 9:00 AM Messenger Mailing (PH) 9:00 AM MESSENGER MAILING (PH) 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM 12 Step (AP)	29 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP)	30 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Youth Contra Dance (PH)
31 4TH SUN AFTER EPIPHANY SCOUT SUNDAY 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00 AM Cocoa Hour (AP) 9:00 AM Coffee Hr. Knitters (PH) 9:15 AM Classes 9:30 AM Chancel Choir 10:15 AM Choral Eucharist Rite II 11:30 AM Children's Choir 11:30 AM Coffee Hour (PH) 7:15 PM AA (AP)	1 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 7:00 PM Property Committee (BH) 7:30 PM Ministries Council (BH 2FL)	2 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM AA (AP) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM VA (PH) 7:30 PM Handbells (Choir Room)	3 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 12:05 PM Healing Service 3:15 PM - 5:00 PM Eagle's Nest (PH) 6:30 PM Blankets & Sew On (BH) 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Chancel Choir (Choir Rm)	4 7:00 PM Worship Committee (BH) 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM 12 Step (AP)	5 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP)	6 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Youth Contra Dance (PH)