



St. John's Messenger

January, 2009

from Fr. John W. Morris, Rector

EPIPHANY RECOVERY

We made it to January! Thanks be to God! If your Christmas was anything like mine by now you are probably feeling both exhilarated and exhausted. The whole month of December is a high energy time. There is the excitement of decorating followed by the drudgery of de-decorating. There is the joyous gift giving followed by the tedious gift returning. There are the festive holiday parties followed by holy cow days afterward. There are all those family members who you get to love twice: when they come and when they go.

For me, Epiphany is the season of recovery. The cold, dark days of January drive us indoors. They demand that we slow down, regroup ourselves, and begin to turn our attention to the promise of a new year. In January, small is good. Our days are short. Our trips away are quick. At night we have brief visions of hot, sandy beaches flashing through our dreams.

This spirit of life is mirrored by our worship. While Epiphany is the season of light, it begins clouded in darkness illuminated only by the tiniest of sparks. An infant child resting in the thin arms of a young girl in the corner of a Palestinian cave. Mysterious magicians from distant lands secretly bearing gifts both precious and petite: nuggets of gold, flakes of incense, drops of spiced oil. There is the baptism of a middle aged peasant named Jesus that goes barely noticed by the anxious crowds gathered at the banks of a river. Along the shores of a sleepy little Galilean fishing village there is the quiet calling of those once unknown folk who first followed him. Healings will happen. Miracles will occur. Worlds will be changed. All of this only after those first days spent quietly, prayerfully and without fanfare.

A little bit of light gives much hope. A small flame on a moonless night can be seen for miles around. The birth of a child is a sign of promise. Simple gifts nurture great expectations. Self insight leads to new directions. Second chances offer fresh beginning. The realities of tomorrow are the dreams of today.

Our St. John's ministries are infused with Epiphany. We believe and understand that the smallest gifts are those most valued by the wise. As we renew the covenant of our baptism we recall the child sized beginnings of our faith. In our remembrance of the ministry of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, we celebrate how one man's call to serve from society's margin transformed an entire nation. Through our commissioning of new members to our vestry we affirm the Holy Spirit power of God in each person when gathered in shared ministry. At the vestry's annual day of retreat we know our individual hopes and dreams will become one in Christ's mission for us at St. John's.

Epiphany starts small and continually grows in the direction of resurrection. We, too, can find comfort in our little beginnings while looking forward to our larger life in Christ with whom we make our full Epiphany recovery.

John+

FROM PASTOR JENNIFER E. LOOKER

A sincere and warm thank you to the teachers, parents (and of course kids!) that made our Christmas Pageant such a success. It continues to be an event that I look forward to every year. **Thank you especially to Karen Dipace and Mary Ellen Kilp, our Directors of Church School and Youth Ministries.** I can't say enough about these amazing women and the ministry they offer. As I reflect on the past year at St. John's, I am struck by the number of new programs and exciting initiatives that were offered: the Youth Good Friday Service with drama, an Easter liturgy of the light service, Pennies for Peace, Episcopal Idol Karaoke Event, a special Sunday honoring our Eagle's Nest Program (with Eagle's Nest Steppers!), liturgical dance, a pilgrimage to Alaska, Beach Party VBS, Church School Food Ingathering and Christmas Caroling... just to name a few. What an incredible year!

I'm equally excited about the year to come. Like last year, a number of new programs and exciting initiatives will be offered. Beginning this month, **our Church School program will be offering "Cocoa Hour", every Sunday morning, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. in the All Purpose Room.** This special gathering time will feature hot chocolate, juice, cookies, and of course fellowship. Following cocoa hour, our children, families and teachers will be invited to join Mr. Randy Day, our Minister of Music, for singing, music and movement. I can't emphasize enough how important this offering is: Mr. Randy is a talented musician and educator, the time he offers (on a Sunday morning!) is a precious gift for our children.

Also exciting is a new **initiative being offered for Martin Luther King Jr. Sunday.** Under the direction of youth leaders Mr. Bob Murphy and Ms. Betty Seiple, our young people in **the J2A program will be creating special banners of key historical figures to display in the church.** Each banner will display the profile of a noteworthy African-American leader, with his or her name written underneath. These banners will support a special liturgy in honor of Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Finally, I'd like to highlight this year's **Diocesan Youth Winter Retreat, being offered Feb. 6th-8th, at the Christian Retreat Center, in East Waterford, PA. The retreat is open to all students in 7th-12th grades.** This is a great opportunity for our young people. The retreat will include time for worship, team-building, fellowship and faith development. I've had the chance to participate as both a young person (many years ago!!) and more recently as a leader. I would encourage all young people to attend; it is an important experience to have. Please feel free to contact Mary Ellen, or myself, with any questions. It looks like another exciting year is before us!

Jennifer+



VESTRY EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Vestry's Warden Message

At our December meeting the Vestry passed several new resolutions. We approved the appointment of Molly Moyer as the Chairperson for the Diocesan Delegate Nominating Committee. If you are interested in participating as a delegate at the Diocesan convention, please contact Molly.

Also at this meeting, after some deliberation, the Vestry approved a financial plan for 2009 of \$450,025 in revenues and \$535,970 in expenses. Throughout the next year, the vestry will continue to look for additional opportunities to increase our revenues.

Finally, the Vestry resolved to honor with great pride and profound respect at our St John's Day service on December 21; Dr Betty Finney, Dave Martin and Sue Martin. We thank them for their ongoing service among us and in the community.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact myself or any member of the Vestry. Our names and contact information are listed each week in the Bulletin.

Submitted by,

Ted Loose,
Vestry's Warden

THANK YOU

Thank you, Father John, for hosting the Advent Quiet Day on December 6. You, Father Peck from St. James and Father Casey from St. Edwards were the cornerstones that made this event uniquely meaningful. Each meditation was outstanding. In addition, the fact that a priest was made available for any need was a special gift. It was also wonderful to feel the strong arms of the three churches and the fellowship of participants from all of them.

The structure, three meditations with response, with Eucharist at the end, was organized so that one could stay for all events, or come and go at will. The responses were varied to fit any need: quiet meditation, confession or speaking with a priest, the labyrinth, quiet conversation in the Parish Hall.

I was able to stay for the whole morning and received a spiritual uplift from receiving a deeper understanding of a watchman, repentance and service, keys to the gate opening to a path through Advent that leads to the birth of our Savior more fully in our lives. Life walking that path ensured more peace than the often hectic-filled road of "getting ready for Christmas."

I cannot thank you enough and hope that the Advent Quiet Day will be an annual event.

Joan Lorenz

PARISH REGISTER

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**PARISHIONER,
CHET CONNOR WILL CELEBRATE
HIS 99TH BIRTHDAY ON
JANUARY 14, 2009.**

To Our Messenger Mailing Committee Members!

Christmas comes but once a year and with it comes Christmas bulletins! There are many hours spent in preparing, printing, and assembling the bulletins for each of the Christmas Eve services and Christmas Day. We are extremely grateful for the members of our Messenger Committee who volunteered to help assemble all of these bulletins...and thank you for your ministry, each month, as you volunteer with the "Messenger" mailing. It is truly appreciated.

TREASURER'S REPORT

	Month Actual	Month Budget	Month Variance	Year Actual	Year Budget	Year Variance
Revenue						
Pledge	\$27,095	\$29,250	(\$2,155)	\$311,599	\$321,750	(\$10,151)
Other	\$ 4,756	\$ 9,668	(\$4,912)	\$104,936	\$107,731	(\$ 2,795)
Expense						
Staff & Admin	\$27,979	\$27,970	\$9	\$308,346	\$307,201	\$ 1,145
Building & Grounds	\$ 6,049	\$ 7,731	(\$ 1,682)	\$ 82,597	\$ 85,043	(\$ 2,444)
Ministries	\$26,855	\$ 6,716	(\$20,139)	\$ 71,350	\$ 73,876	(\$ 2,525)
Net				(\$ 45,760)	(\$ 36,641)	

The figures in the table reflect the end of month financial position for November 2008. As we have been experiencing all year, pledged income has not kept pace with the budget. The total shortage in income as of the end of November has increased to nearly \$13,000. On the expense side, we continue to control expenses fairly well. With a shortfall of \$13,000 in income, one would expect the net deficit to be \$48,760 instead of the actual \$45,760. With respect to the large Ministries Month Actual value, this reflects catch-up payments to the Diocese and our annual payments to the Council of Churches and the City.

The budget for next year reflects the difficult economic times. The recently completed pledge campaign brought in \$340,000 in pledges. Unfortunately, this is short of the target amount set by Vestry back at the beginning of the campaign. The net is that the budget deficit has increased to approximately \$86,000. Vestry and the Finance Committee will be working hard to develop a plan to reduce and ultimately eliminate this severe shortfall. Once again, I encourage everyone to do what they can to help control our expenses. Turn off unnecessary lights....Close outside doors...Be willing to put on that extra sweater so that we can turn the heat down one more degree. Thanks for your help and your cooperation.

Submitted by,

Steve Latshaw
Treasurer

STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

<u>Amount Pledged for 2008</u>	<u>Goal for 2009</u>	<u>Final 2009</u>
351,000	403,650	339,693
<u>Number of Pledges for 2008</u>	<u>Goal for 2009</u>	<u>Final 2009</u>
164	180	156

ALTAR GUILD



We are restructuring the Altar Guild and need eight (8) new members as soon after Christmas as possible. It requires only a couple of hours on Saturday and less than an hour on Sunday. Please contact Cynthia Minnich (413-7030) with questions and to schedule training. Please consider joining this ministry. You, too, can add to the beauty of our services.

ST. JOHN'S COMMEMORATION DAY

On Sunday, December 21, 2008 we celebrated our first annual St. John's Commemoration Day. The St. John's Vestry resolved to commemorate our patron saint's day (December 27) by honoring exemplary members of our parish.

During the 10:15 a.m. service, the following parishioners were honored and we give thanks to God for their ministries both at St. John's and in our community:

*Dr. Betty Finney
Sue & Dave Martin*

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"We have been greatly honored to receive the St. John's commemorations. Thank you to the Vestry for our selection, to Kathy Novosel for her eloquent writing of our contributions, to Ray Manlove for his beautiful photography of the St. John's door, and especially to the entire St. John's family—without whom, none of our efforts would matter."

Betty, Sue, and Dave

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Sunday School News

Karen DiPace
Sunday School Director



The Sunday School children have had an exciting and busy holiday season. I am sure everyone enjoyed their Christmas Pageant as much as they did. Its always a delight to see the littlest ones joining in. I would like to thank everyone who was able to help out.

For the New Year the children will be looking forward to the Martin Luther King celebrations and continuing with their pennies for peace collections. Also the Sunday school children, along with the youth groups, have been busy decorating the all purpose room. If you get a chance stop by and take a look!



“Get A FREE \$20 Grocery Card!!!”



“How do you do that?” All you need to do is purchase a Grocery Card on Sundays in the Parish Hall and you’ll receive our new Grocery “Punch Card”. You can purchase Grocery Cards for the following stores:

Darrenkamp’s, Giant, John Herr’s, Stauffer’s of Kissel Hill, Oregon Dairy, or Weis Markets

We’ll punch your card each time you buy a grocery card and when it’s filled - you get a ***FREE \$20*** Grocery Card! It’s simple and at the same time, our Jubilee ministries receives 5% of each purchase. ***EVERYONE WINS!!!*** Now, start punching your way to the grocery store!!!

Electronic Transfer Of Funds to St. John’s

We now have the ability to receive your offerings through electronic transfer from your bank to our bank. This process will be done monthly with the transfers being completed on the 10th day of each month.

If you are interested in this service, you will need to complete an authorization form, attach a voided check, and return to the church office. Forms can be obtained from the church office.

If you have questions or would like to learn more about this new and easy process, please contact our Rector’s Warden: *Cynthia Minnich*.

JUBILEE MINISTRIES

DATES TO KEEP IN MIND

Meal Ministry Dates— “Volunteers Are Always Welcomed!”

Dinner Out—(Contacts: Dave Martin & Janice Henry)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14—4:30-6:00 p.m. St. Paul's United Methodist Church, South Queen and Farnum Streets, Lancaster. St. John's will be responsible to help serve the meal. Volunteers are always needed!

Community Breakfast—(Contact: Sue Martin)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17—7:30-11:00 a.m. at First Reformed United Church of Christ, 40 East Orange Street, Lancaster. **NEW OPPORTUNITY!** If 7:30 a.m. is too early for you, there is a real need for two (2) people (it would be great for young people) to wash and dry trays from 9-10 a.m.

HELP! HELP! Teens, are you out there???????

OTHER MINISTRIES

Blankets & Sew On - (Contact: Jeannie Zeller)

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 less fortunate.

Our St. Nick's Knits sale on December 7th raised \$1,025.99 for the Jubilee Ministry. Praise be to God and pass the yarn! Blankets and Sew On was formed several years ago as an answer to a question posed at a Lenten Study group. "What do you do to help?" We invite you to join us as we knit and share in the fellowship of friends. Blankets & Sew On exists to create, share and grow in our community one stitch at a time. Peace and grace in 2009.

Door Ministry & Food Bank - (Contact: Church Office)

We are in continuous need of non-perishable food items. Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item to church and placing it in the large basket at the rear of the church. These donations make up our food bank and are given to those in need through our door ministry and food bank on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at the Becker House. If you'd like to learn more about this ministry and/or have questions regarding what items are most needed, please contact Aaron Spicher in the church office.

Eagle's Nest After School Program - (Contact: Dave/Sue Martin)

An after-school program for 4th and 5th graders from Robert Fulton School held every Wednesday throughout the school year from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Volunteers help with reading, academic support, crafts, games and cooking. ***Help with this program is always welcome!*** Contact Sue Martin if interested in volunteering.



JUBILEE MINISTRIES (CONTINUED)

Grocery Cards - (Contact: Cynthia Minnich)

TOTAL SALES FOR NOVEMBER, 2008: \$11,960.00

Total sales for November were \$11,960. This amount gives \$598 to Jubilee Ministries. November was a great month (the best one ever) but there were 5 Sundays instead of 4. We need to sell more to make up for the free \$20 cards that we are giving away and we did give away 3 cards in October and 1 card in November. That makes our true total in November to Jubilee only \$578.

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.

Reminder: We now have \$100 cards for John Herr in Millersville and we also have \$100 cards for Oregon Dairy.

Participating Stores: **Darrenkamp's, Giant, John Herr's, Oregon Dairy, Stauffer's, and Weis.**

Martin Luther King Day Activities—(Contact: Dave Martin & Sibyl Freeman)

Monday, January 19: Please consider helping with the activities which are being planned for the day program at St. John's. A planning session for the day will be held on January 5 at 7:30 p.m. at Sibyl Freeman's home. If interested in either the planning or helping during that day contact Sibyl Freeman or Dave Martin for more information.

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.

Refugee Considerations - (Contact: Mary Lou and Mike Higgs)

Discernment by a small group of people to determine how St. John's can become a part of a Refugee Resettlement continues. If interested in becoming involved please contact Mary Lou or Mike Higgs.

Shalom Ministry—(Contact: Fran Gouveia)

This ministry is the guiding force for responding to the Millennium Development Goals. Action groups are continually forming. Please consider participating.

Please see the following page...

JUBILEE MINISTRIES (CONTINUED)

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST



THANK YOU TO "DINNER OUT" VOLUNTEERS

They say it takes a village to raise a child. But we at St. John's have discovered that it takes a congregation to feed the needy! Many thanks to the numerous volunteers who took the time and provided the funds to make the December 10th Christmas "Dinner Out" a big success. We served almost 70 guests and 14 volunteers -- most of whom enjoyed second helpings.

The menu included green bean casseroles which were well received thanks to the efforts of Shirley McGee, Susan Breneman, Barb Graeter, Fred Bush, Betsey Smith and Ray Manlove. Fred and Betsey also contributed to the purchase of the holiday hams, as did Connie Burch, Kathy Novosel, Drew Dorgan, Phil Becker and Mike Gbur. And just when you think that no one is going to show up to help serve, in walk Fred Bush, John & Fran Gouveia, Marla & Maxwell Lester, Phil Becker, Sandra Jackson and Kevin Henry. What a team! Also, thanks go to our "behind-the-scene" duo of Sue & Dave Martin who still find the time to organize and direct no matter what obstacles they encounter. From the bottom of my heart, THANK YOU.

Sincerely,

Janice Henry



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*

**THE DEADLINE FOR
SUBMITTING INFORMATION FOR THE
FEBRUARY MESSENGER:**

JANUARY 20, 2009



JUBILEE MINISTRIES (CONTINUED)

SHALOM PRAYER NETWORK

O **THREE-IN-ONE GOD**, whose transcendent power comes into the living room of our hearts and sits awhile to listen and talk; increase our confidence in the power of one, the power of one plus one together, the power of our prayers as you pray with us to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger in our troubled world. We thank you for our Jubilee Ministries, for our assessment to the Diocese and all at St. John's who minister to the needy. O Holy Trinity as you converse with one another about our mission, tell us how to excite everyone, not only in reducing hunger and poverty wherever it brings sickness and death, but infusing in all a deep awareness of the Millennium Development Goals and a relentless desire to see their fulfillment. Increase our investment in your will as we watch for and welcome the return you have in mind. For we pray in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Among the concepts inherent in bringing to fruition the Millennium Development Goals is the power of one person. The prayer above is one that we have used.

We can also increase our conscious participation by having a transforming prayer at-the-ready whenever we read about, hear on the radio, see on TV, or the Internet any evidence of the lack of the stated goal. (1) Immediately transform in your imagination these horrors into pictures of the situation/people transformed and (2) say a prayer using your favorite name to address God.

The MDG Challenge

- I Extreme Poverty and Hunger
- II No Primary Education for All
- III Gender Inequality and Oppression of Women
- IV Child Poverty
- V Lack of Maternal Health
- VI HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
- VII Environmental Decline
- VIII Global Distrust and War

Transforming Prayer

- ___, Make the pictures of plenty come to pass.
- ___, Provide classrooms and teachers.
- ___, Let women live, walk, marry and work freely.
- ___, Feed, clothe and provide health care for these children.
- ___, Send medical personnel and medicines.
- ___, Use our wills and our technology to bring health to the earth.
- ___, Send us the political plan that all nations will accept to work together, one for all and all for one.

What a fellowship we will be when each one of us will see, hear, imagine and pray to transform the Millennium Development Goals into a new way of life for the world! Please post this sheet where it is handy when you are reading the world news. To receive the weekly prayer focus from the Shalom Ministry prayer network, send an email to jlhr2@epix.net, or pick one up in the basket at the back of the church.

Contributed by Joan Lorenz

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

“Sí, se puede! * Yes, we can!”

Monday, January 19, 2009 • 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



**MARTIN
LUTHER
KING, JR.
- DAY -**

- **MUSIC & DRUMMING**
- **PREPARE & SHARE LUNCH**
- **CRAFTS**
- **STORY-TELLING**
- **DANCE/CAPOEIRA**

*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 18, 2009. Pre-registration is required.

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Martin Luther King, Jr. • “SI, SE PUEDE! * YES, WE CAN!” • January 19, 2009 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: _____ <i>(Signature of Parent or Guardian)</i>	

PROPERTY

The Property Corner

At this time of year we should be thankful and joyful for all that we have, especially at St. John's Church. Here is a short list of God's spirit working within the Church Family, especially the members of the Property Committee.

1. Bill Gross, our Property Manager, gives his expertise, diligence, and thoughtfulness to the many and arduous tasks of our older edifice. Bill saves us many dollars and goes that extra step to ensure we have a facility that is comfortable and safe to do God's work.
2. Cynthia Minnich, our Rector's Warden, gives generously of her time to tie all the knots and make sure all details are complete with great communicative skills. Cynthia is always there to support, promoting good and sound ideas.
3. Janice Henry, our Decorator Extordinaire, gives us fabulous direction for projects such as the Choir Room, All Purpose Room, and the Becker House painting. Along with her brilliant Narthex contribution, Janice continually contributes her creative ideas and hard work to many projects and events in our parish. We must thank Kevin, Janice's husband, for his labor at our events.
4. Kip Van Blarcom, our Recorder of Property Minutes, gives us information in a timely efficient manner to communicate with the Vestry and Congregation. Kip has a background that gives our committee the proper interpretation for our records.
5. John and Helen Miller, our cleanup crew, throughout the year give their hard work and thoroughness to the huge outside work of our property. You don't have to ask for tasks to be done because John and Helen are always contributing their time and talent with extra enthusiasm. Just recently they cleaned outside before our Fall Cleanup Date because they had a previous commitment which curtailed their attendance.
6. Adam Kilp has gone the extra step with his Eagle Scout Project in the auditorium. Adam's family and crew have beautifully restored the floor and wainscoting with a tremendous amount of work and competences. Just take a look at the stupendous improvement!
7. To the many other parishioners who give their time and talent to tasks, such as our Fall and Spring Cleanups and Painting of the Becker House, the Property Committee thanks you for your generosity and love to St. John's property needs!

May everyone feel the joy of Jesus' Birth and have a healthy and Happy New Year!

Submitted by,

Phil Becker
Property Chair

MUSIC MINISTRY

...from the Music Desk

While piles of Advent and Christmas resources crowd the top of my desk and the two pull-out shelves on either side of me, and copies of bulletins for services yet to be done stare back, reminding me of energy yet to be expended, you might picture me getting all wound up about it all...but I'm not. For a musician this is surprising. What makes the difference this year?

Well, maybe it's aging; that'll either settle you down or get you wound, huh?!? But this fall I scheduled several medical procedures, two that were necessary and the third a step of precaution. Because of the blessing of insurance coverage provided by my employment in this parish these processes were made possible. The results were very positive, giving me hope for continued health and well-being. Yet some changes have had to be made, all doable.

So amid the heightened expectations and busier-than-usual schedule, I'm grateful to be alive, well, and able to give back to you in worship each Sunday a portion of that 'thank-you'. To hear you sing the carols at our Advent Lessons and Carols, and later raising your voices in January for our Christmas Lessons and Carols, will be a blessing indeed.

Perhaps another perspective that has hovered near these past few weeks has been an historical one. Think about this: during this short season of celebration we will sing hymns dating back to the 6th century and read/hear scriptures dating back even further. Even with our greater scope of technological living and modern way of life we still must grasp how supported our journey is by those writers and composers and lives of long ago. Without their willingness to share from moments of inspiration our worship would be rather shallow.

As Advent and Christmas give way to Epiphany, another time of celebrating the Gift, let's all take a moment to just breathe it all in, savor the gift of song and word and prayer and sermon, time with those we call family, and whatever else constitutes celebration. We have been given hope, peace, joy, and love from our God...Give Thanks and Sing!!

Yours,

Randy Day,
Minister of Music



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.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*Annika & Zach
Paul Collins
Eileen & Family
Linda Frederiksen
Joana & Family
Linda Keebler
Kim Lempp
Carolyn Leitheiser
Thomas Ludwig
Debbie Miles
C. J. Reidmiller
Sheila Reigner
Julie Seitert
Ingrid Smith
Helen Souders
Aaron Spicher
Rob Wilson
Winonya
Clifford Yackly*

For Our Homebound Parishioners

and

For Those Suffering from Addictions

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.

*Tim Graeter
Brian Hobbins
Matthew James
Alex Kelly
Kyle Kulka
Joseph Lombardo
William May
Sean McCormick
David Smith
John S. Waltz
Joshua Watkins*



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.*

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.

SERVING SCHEDULE - JANUARY, 2009

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 4 - SERVERS	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Ricky Smith, Merle Schnee	Karin Bleecker, Sibyl Freeman
Eucharistic Visitor	Phil Becker, Ricky Smith	Peter Novosel, Robin Ott, Fred & Eleanor Honaman
Lectors	Aaron Spicher, Peggy Craige, Ray Manlove, Sue Breneman, Ricky Smith, Merle Schnee	Frank Cummins, Jeannie Zeller, Eric Waskowicz, David Dissinger, Paula Wolf, Ellie Walsh
Server	—	Foster Clark (Adam Kilp)
Crucifer	—	Garth Alexander
Torch Bearer	—	Kaitlin Grosh, David Kilp
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Ushers	Team 1	Team A
Greeter	—	Bruce Waskowicz
Coffee Hour Host	Connie Burch, Pam Loose, Leslie Tahsler	Connie Burch, Pam Loose, Leslie Tahsler
Nursery	—	Emily Gross

JANUARY 11 - SERVERS	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Bill Moyer, Ricky Smith	Carl Hartman, Brad Moyer
Eucharistic Visitor	—	Phil & Sue Purdy
Lector	Ricky Smith	Paula Wolf
Server	Max Heider	Sarah Gordon, Adam Kilp
Crucifer	—	Phil Becker
Torch Bearer	—	Rachel Hreben, Dylan Stone
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Ushers	Team 2	Team B
Greeter	—	Leslie Morgan
Coffee Hour Host	Property Committee	Property Committee
Nursery	—	Janelle Stone

SERVING SCHEDULE - JANUARY, 2009 (CONTINUED)

JANUARY 18 - SERVERS	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Kathy Novosel, Merle Schnee	James Glazier, Peter Novosel
Eucharistic Visitor	Stephanie McGovern	Joanna Sweeney, C. Weaver-Gelzer Fred & Eleanor Honaman
Lector	Kathy Novosel	Jan Brown
Server	—	Nhi Le
Crucifer	—	Adam Kilp
Torch Bearer	—	Emily DiPace, John Waskowicz
Altar Guild	Team 4	Team 4
Ushers	Team 1	Team C
Greeter	—	Robin Ott
Coffee Hour Host	Jubilee Ministries	Jubilee Ministries
Nursery	—	Mary Waskowicz

JANUARY 25 —SERVERS	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Bill Moyer, Ricky Smith	Barbara McGraw, Sue Purdy
Eucharistic Visitor	—	Jan Brown, Phyllis Gbur
Lector	Sue Breneman	Dianne Cooney
Server	—	Ellie Walsh, Adam Kilp
Crucifer	—	Dave Pennell
Torch Bearer	—	Selena Hasircoglu, Michael Hreben
Altar Guild	Team 5	Team 5
Ushers	Team 2	Team D
Greeter	—	Jill Gross
Coffee Hour Host	Blankets & Sew On	Blankets & Sew On
Nursery	—	Karen DiPace

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.