



St. John's Messenger

June, 2009

from Fr. John W. Morris, Rector

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHER APPRECIATION

Sunday, June 7

One of the strongest and most vital aspects of our mission at St. John's is our ministry with children and youth. God has wonderfully blessed our parish with an amazing team of Church School teachers and Journey to Adulthood leaders, and a cadre of others who care about children. As a result of the Christian instruction and loving encouragement they provide our younger members, St. John's is unique in the range of leadership roles and responsibilities taken by our youth.

While it is not uncommon in a church to see young people in worship as acolytes, at St. John's what is extraordinary is the wide participation of our children and youth in every lay liturgical ministry. Our acolyte roster counts twenty six members and spans the ages of nine to eighteen. It includes nine torchbearers, fifteen servers and two crucifers. Our teens also regularly serve in roles traditionally reserved for more senior church members. Among our Lay Eucharistic Ministers seven are in their teens and we have three of similar age who offer to read the scriptures as Lectors. Our Junior Choir has grown to a membership of eleven and now frequently accompanies our adult Chancel Choir. Likewise our Handbell Choirs includes two younger members.

The confidence of our young people in these public ministries is a testimony to their feeling of full inclusion in our church. They are excellent examples of the church's ministry of building character in children by providing opportunities for spiritual growth. Our young people are not only the future of the church. They are the church now. They are tomorrow's leaders who are learning to lead by serving today.

Adam Kilp, for example, is a member of the Diocesan Youth Commission. Selena Hasircoglu recently returned from representing our diocese at the five state meeting of Province III. Barbara Drinkwater was our diocesan representative to the national Episcopal Youth Event.

This doesn't happen by accident. Part is due to the people of our parish and our shared appreciation and support for youth ministry. Part is the parents of our children who role model to their children a commitment to God and Christ's church. Another part is the three key parish leaders working together with our classroom educators. Betty Finney is superb in making sure all our children are offered the chance for liturgical leadership. Aaron Spicher is tireless in his dedication to their liturgical instruction. Randy Day is exceptional in his musical leadership and especially generous in his weekly Church School class, "Music With Randy."

FR. JOHN'S LETTER (CONTINUED)

Our pledge to fully support children's ministry now also includes our families with youngsters in the Nursery. Having engaged Stephen Stitzel to be our principal care provider in the Nursery, new parents have a child care partner every Sunday. This safe and nurturing environment sets the stage for our Catechesis of The Good Shepherd classes. Taught by Sibyl Freeman, Jen Hreben and Pam Loose in the preschool/kindergarten class and by Jenelle Stone, Marla Lester, and Alan Walsh in the first through third grades, our children begin to explore their faith by experiential learning. With grades four and five taught by David Dissinger, Betsy Hasircoglu and Carol Stigelman our children learn about the Bible and life in the Church. Coordinating all this learning and excitement is our dynamic Church School Director, Karen DiPace.

Our Journey to Adulthood program starts with grades six and seven in the Rite 13 class taught by Bob Kilp and Tracy Cliff. Bob Murphy and Betty Seiple oversee our eighth and ninth graders in the J2A class. Our YAC (Young Adults in the Church) class of grades ten through twelve is headed by Joel Cliff and Leslie Morgan. Keeping this together is the ministry of our incredible Journey to Adulthood Director, Mary Ellen Kilp.

On Sunday, June 7, we will have the opportunity to express to our leaders and teachers our deep gratitude for their ministry. We praise God for the great difference they are making in the lives of our young people and in the life of Christ's church.

John+

FROM PASTOR JENNIFER E. LOOKER

The days are longer, the weather is warmer, and summer has almost arrived. It is a season for slowing down and spending time with loved ones and friends. Dinners are shared outside on patios and decks, long awaited vacations are enjoyed and life itself seems to relax just a bit more. This is also true at St. John's. Summer will present any number of opportunities to spend time together in community and fellowship.

On Sunday mornings, between 9:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., children and families will be invited to enjoy a time of music and movement. Lemonade and cookies will be offered at 9:30 a.m., followed by a time of singing and dance. Songs from this year's Vacation Bible School, "Camp Edge", will be featured. **Music and movement will begin on June 14th and will finish on July 19th, following the end of VBS.** Please let me know if you are interested in helping!

At the conclusion of music and movement, we will shift gears and offer our children the opportunity to create a **mural for peace**. This mural will express the hopes and vision of our children for peace in our world. It will be combined with other murals in the city later this September, in a community wide celebration of peace and justice. Look for more details to come.

On June 12th and 13th, our Diocese will gather together for the annual Diocesan Convention. This year is particularly special as **Adam Kilp will serve as the first youth delegate from St. John's.** This is a compliment to both Adam and St. John's. Be sure to congratulate him!

On June 21st, at least seven of our young people will travel to Messiah College to take part in this year's Diocesan Summer Youth Conference. The conference theme this year is "Seussology: A Seussical Look at Life". Participants will be invited to consider the theology of Dr. Seuss as they enjoy time in fellowship, prayer and community. Please let me know if you are interested in attending- it's not too late!

This year's Vacation Bible School features an exciting change- it will be held in the evening. This will hopefully better serve the needs of the community. **VBS will begin on July 12th, with a special cook-out/pot-luck beginning at 5:00 p.m. Camp will be offered every night from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., ending on Thursday, July 16th.** The theme this year is "**Camp E.D.G.E.: Experience and Discover God Everywhere!**" **The parish hall will be transformed into an outdoor wilderness, featuring camp "fires", tents and plenty of wilderness gear.** Children will enjoy a variety of activities each night, including songs and movement, crafts, drama, science/discovery- all with the aim of learning more about self and God.

All this to say- summer has arrived, and with it, any number of meaningful opportunities to strengthen relationships and build community. What a blessing!

Jennifer+



PARISH REGISTER

Baptized

Evelyn Francis Carroll
Cooper James Hillen

Confirmed

Matthew C. Hobbins
Shannon G. Westphal

Transferred Out

Eileen J. Gregg

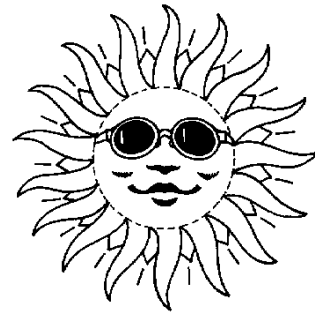
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Marie Michel

THE DEADLINE FOR
SUBMITTING INFORMATION FOR THE

JULY MESSENGER:

JUNE 15, 2009



Have A Wonderful Summer!!!



Voyagers' Mobility and Miscellaneous Ministry

Living independently is a choice and a lifestyle enjoyed by many modern older parishioners. It has its joys and satisfactions. Yet, as we age, we learn that occasionally life circumstances make us wish that the nearest family member were not hours away. Some of our St. John's seniors belong to a group in the city of Lancaster called "The Downtowners". They were featured in the Lancaster newspapers recently. They all live independently but have sought to band together to pool resources and provide alternatives when members need help or contact. We Voyagers would like to provide a support service of similar nature.

As a group, the Voyagers are, in many cases, retired and able to provide assistance on relatively short notice. We would like to provide a support system, especially to our 55+ parishioners, who might need either one time or repeated assistance with errands, shopping, meals, or reading and handling bills. Actually, a list of what we might do would be varied. We might be dealing with a car in need of repair, or failing eyesight, or someone down with a bad cold who needs tissues and some soup. Right now we have a small group of about a dozen volunteers who could help with a variety of small but essential services.

If you find yourself in need or would like to be a volunteer in this community-building effort, contact:

Kathy Novosel—717-299-9738

VESTRY EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Vestry's Warden Message

Despite not passing any major resolutions at our May Vestry Meeting , your Vestry had a very productive meeting . While our financial situation has improved, it continues to be a challenge. Thanks to all members of the congregation that have been faithful stewards not only with their pledges but with their time and talent as well.

Prior to our meeting, the Vestry had an opportunity to visit with Bishop Nathan Baxter. It was good to hear Bishop Baxter talk about how welcome he feels at St Johns. Our ability to make visitors and newcomers feel comfortable is definitely a strength of our parish.

I encourage members of the parish to speak with myself or any member of the Vestry (our contact information is listed on the back of the Weekly Bulletin) with any suggestions, comments, concerns or questions.

Submitted by,

Ted Loose, Vestry's Warden



COFFEE HOUR NEWS



St. John's Fellowship

Father John wrote in his January, 2008 "Messenger" article: "Coffee Hour is the cornerstone of every church's fellowship ministry. It is where the faith community gathers to share their lives with each other after sharing with God in their prayers. Coffee Hour is when we "catch up" with each other, personally reporting on how we are doing and apprising each other of the needs of those in our community. Coffee Hour is a group exercise in pastoral care."

I'd like to thank all of the Coffee Hour Hosting Groups for their part in making our fellowship time a huge success over the past 9 months. A special thank you to *Dave Martin* (Jubilee), *Mary Ellen Kilp* (J2A), *Mike Gbur* (Ushers) and their teams for hosting multiple times throughout the year.

Beginning June 14 and continuing over the summer months, we will be offering coffee after the 8:00 a.m. and lemonade after the 10:15 a.m. service. I am looking for individuals or families to host a coffee hour between the services and *Sue Martin* will be seeking volunteers to serve lemonade after the 10:15 a.m. service. If you would like to host or need more information feel free to call me at 717-335-3939.

Mary Waskowicz
Coffee Hour Coordinator

TREASURER'S REPORT

From a total revenue perspective April was another good month. The \$3000 shortage in pledge income was offset by \$3000 larger than expected Easter Offering. I am going to assume that many folk placed their usual Sunday pledge in an Easter Offering envelope on that Sunday. Non-pledged income was up almost \$1000 and we received an unrestricted donation toward building projects. All of this combined for a total that exceeded budget.

What has become almost a habit; our expenses continue to be held well below budget. The net result of these two (2) actions is a deficit that has shrunk. At this point in the year, it was projected that we would have a deficit of \$24,000. In fact our deficit is only \$3580.

The figures for the month of April are as follows:

	Month <u>Actual</u>	Month <u>Budget</u>	Year <u>Actual</u>	Year <u>Budget</u>
Pledged income	\$25,369	\$28,333	\$102,540	\$113,333
Non-pledged income	\$ 3,911	\$ 2,917	\$ 14,074	\$ 11,667
Total Income	\$49,959	\$44,077	\$156,653	\$159,808
Total Expense	\$40,869	\$43,960	\$159,345	\$181,366

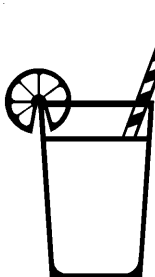
Notice that our pledged income continues to lag our budget figure by approximately \$8000. Imagine where we would be if our pledged income matched our budget. We would have a **SURPLUS**. So to all of you who have responded to our need, thank you. I can assure you that your Vestry, Property Committee, Finance Committee, and staff are doing everything possible to make your contributions work in the most efficient manner.

Thanks again and please always feel free to contact me with a question or concern.

Submitted by,
Steve Latshaw, Treasurer

Lemonade Time is Coming!

Beginning on Sunday, June 14—lemonade only will be served after the 10:15 a.m. services.



Facilitators are needed for this quick and easy hosting time. Each "team" (family, couple, friends) will be responsible to set out paper cups, pour pre-made lemonade, provide cookies or pretzels for munching, remake Country Time in large gallon jugs for the next week, clean up paper cups, and wipe off counter top and sink areas. No dishwashing, no platters of leftover food, no laundry, no lingering beyond 12:00. Please add your name to the chart by the dishwashing window. The schedule will run through Labor Day.

Submitted by, *Sue Martin*

MISSION STATEMENT MUSTER DAY

What matters to you at St. John's and how should the community of St. John's be doing what matters to you?

What matters to you is part of St. John's mission. The vestry invites you to help find the words for St. John's new mission statement. We hope you will join us.

Some useful reference points:

- A mission statement is about what we mean to do. A vision statement is about who we are and mean to be.
- Using a mission statement is like using the rudder of the ship.
- Writing a church mission statement is a process that takes everyone who cares about the church's direction.

So this is a meeting that matters, and you are important to this process. Please consider this an important invitation.

We will be meeting for an hour in the Parish Hall after the second service, on Sunday, June 28. Food and drink will be provided.

After this hour, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer, vestry member charged with evangelism at St. John's, will meet with members of St. John's who are part of an ad hoc mission statement task force. The group will take the vocabulary and language about St. John's that has been gathered on June 28 and get it down to the fewest words possible—no more than 5, preferably closer to 3.

On Sunday, September 27, we will repeat the process of an hour together after the second service, at which the task force will report to the congregation, presenting one, two or three versions of a mission statement, reflecting *your words and meaning*. We will be entertaining comments, ideas for revision, and indication of preference of the statement that comes closest to the heart of St. John's discerned purpose and direction.

We hope to have a final selection to present to vestry at the November vestry meeting. Everyone who cares about St. John's direction matters to this process. Your words, your discernment, your experience, your knowledge, your voice counts. Please come to the Mission Statement Muster Day, June 28 in the Parish Hall after the 10:15 a.m. service.

Submitted by,

Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer
Vestry Class of 2011

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School News

Karen DiPace, Sunday School Director

Thank you to everyone who shared dishes and joined us for a fun day out at our Parish Picnic on May 17. It was a little chilly but at least it didn't rain. We were able to have our Softball game and decided it was a tie which will have to be continued next year! Hope you can join us for that.

Our Sunday School children will be completing their year on June 7. Our teachers have done a wonderful job all year, and plan to meet for a retreat on June 20 to discuss some new and exciting plans for the upcoming Sunday School year. June 7 will be Teacher Appreciation Sunday. Please join me in thanking our teachers: *David Dissinger, Betsy Hasircoglu, Carol Stigelman* (4-5 grade teachers); *Janelle Stone, Alan Walsh, and Sibyl Freeman* (1-3 grade teachers); *Jennifer Hreben and Sibyl Freeman* (Catechesis); *Pam Loose and Marla Lester* (assistants).

We look forward to some new offerings this summer for our church children. Pastor Jennifer will be doing music and movement with a focus on our upcoming Vacation Bible School C.A.M.P. Edge. Please see her article for more information about this.

The children will also be working on a Peace Mural, headed up by *Sue Heilman* and *Sibyl Freeman*. Our children will be expressing their visions for peace. This mural will be combined with others to form one large outdoor mural of Peace as part of a community wide celebration of peace to take place in September. Look for more information to come, or speak to Sue or Sibyl to find out more.

We will need one volunteer to help out each week. This would be from 9:30-10:00 a.m. This would be no hassle, no preparation, just a fun way to spend a little time with our children. I will post a sign up sheet on the bulletin board...I hope to see it fill up quickly!!

Please also see the enclosed registration for CAMP E.D.G.E., our Vacation Bible School taking place on July 12-16. Completed forms can be given to either Pastor Jennifer or Karen DiPace, or placed in the Sunday School mailbox. Invite your friends and neighbors...we hope to have a full house this year! We still need many more volunteers.....whether for one day or the whole week. Please let me know if you can help out.

We will be looking for donations of food, craft items, and other supplies, along with items we can borrow to enhance our 'camp atmosphere'. Please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board for items needed and help out in any way you can. See me or Pastor Jennifer with any questions.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

Journey to Adulthood

Mary Ellen Kilp, Youth Director

Many thanks to *Mary Ellen* and *Bob Kilp, Joel Cliff*, our J2A leaders and the young people who made the Sound of Music Sing-a-long such a great success – the parish auditorium was truly alive with the "Sound of Music"!

Congratulations to *Selena Hasircoglu* and *Adam Kilp*, who represented the Diocese of Central PA at a gathering of Province III youth earlier in the month. Both will continue to attend provincial events and offer leadership for diocesan youth events. Seven of our young people have signed up to attend this year's Diocesan Summer Youth Conference at Messiah College. Additionally, a number of our teens have volunteered to help lead this year's Vacation Bible School at St. John's- it looks to be an active summer for youth ministry!

And finally: many, many thanks to our dedicated J2A leaders. *Tracy Cliff* and *Bob Kilp* have done an outstanding job working with our youngest teens. *Bob Murphy* and *Betty Seiple* have been hard at work planning the next pilgrimage with our J2A teens. *Joel Cliff* and *Leslie Morgan* have developed lasting relationships with our oldest teens. *Mary Ellen Kilp* continues to serve faithfully in the role of J2A Director/Wonder-woman extraordinaire. **Teacher Appreciation Sunday is planned for June 7th** this year- please make a point to thank these leaders, they contribute so much to the life of our young people at St. John's.

June 7th will be the last day of classes for both Church School and the Journey to Adulthood youth groups. In addition to Youth Summer camp and VBS, a baseball outing to see the **Barnstormers is scheduled for July 19th**, in the evening. Anyone is welcomed (and encouraged!) to come. Look for more information soon.

Submitted by,

Pastor Jennifer

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*.

**Episcopal Diocese of Central PA
Summer Youth Conference 2009**

June 21-26, 2009

Messiah College, Grantham, PA

SEUSSOLOGY:

A Seussical Look at Life

Rates and Deadlines:

May 1 - \$295

June 1 - \$335

Scholarships are available upon request

Special Discounts for siblings:

1 sibling - \$50 off; 2 sibs - \$75 off; 3 sibs - \$100 off

Please Contact Kelley Paulsen at

gkezap@yahoo.com

or 814-574-1989 with any questions!

**Be Sure To Bring the Wospel
in Your Gospel!**

JUBILEE MINISTRIES

Thank You Everyone!

Thanks to everyone who supports the many Jubilee Ministries. St. John's continues to live up to the stated mission of its Jubilee Ministry program. **"To make a direct and dynamic link between our theology and our ethics"**.

From our community and neighborhood efforts to our relationship with the world community, we are attempting to not just talk our faith—but to walk our faith. Each of you who support the major way of financing the ministries through purchasing food cards and especially those of you who are actively involved in facilitating St. John's Jubilee Ministry programs ----- **A HUGE THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!**

DATES TO KEEP IN MIND

Meal Ministry Dates— "Volunteers Are Always Welcomed!"

Dinner Out—(Contact: Janice Henry)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10—4:30-6:00 p.m. St. Paul's United Methodist Church,
South Queen and Farnum Streets, Lancaster.

Volunteers are needed as waiters at this month's dinner.

Community Breakfast—(Contact: Sue Martin)

SATURDAY, JUNE 20—7:30-11:00 a.m. at First Reformed United Church of Christ,
40 East Orange Street, Lancaster.



ATTENTION! Breakfast Volunteers: We will be supervising a large number of teens from St. Alban's School in D.C. who are anxious to share in our community service project. While it may not be necessary to have all of you on hand, we certainly need a core of adults willing to guide these visitors in their service. Please let Sue know of your plans for support on Saturday, June 20.

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.

Summer's coming. Time for cooler knitting. Stop by any Sunday morning to get yarn and find out how to make a pocket prayer shawl or two. Our group continues to knit for our local ministry, but we'll really try to crank out pocket prayer shawls (wool) for our troops this summer. They don't cost much, don't take much time to make and will be greatly appreciated by our troops. Won't you please help?

JUBILEE MINISTRIES (CONTINUED)

Sacred Stitches, our diocesan-wide group, will have a display at our convention, June 12th and 13th at Bucknell, along with a Saturday workshop dealing with the pocket prayer shawl. If you're there, please join us.

The next Sacred Stitches gathering will be at St. Andrew's, Lewisburg on Saturday, June 20th from 10 am till 2 pm. As always, we'll share ideas and fellowship with folks from various parts of the Diocese. It's a really nice ride to St. Andrew's and we'll be carpooling. Spread the word! Thanks to our St. John's family for the continued support of our Blankets and Sew On ministry.

Companion Parish - (Contact: *Dave Martin*)

An organization meeting for establishing an active Companion Parish Committee will be held on Sunday, June 28 in the Parish Hall at 9:15 a.m. A working committee will be established to improve our relationship with Santo Andre. If interested, please attend or if you have any questions please contact Dave Martin.

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.

Grocery Cards—(Contact: *Cynthia Minnich*)

Total sales for March were \$11,140. This is \$1,500 more than February (reminder: March had 5 Sundays). We sold only \$7,080 in April but we skipped sales on Easter. The two averaged together come out to \$9,110 which is still more than sales in January or February. Good job!!! Keep it up.

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.

Don't forget to continue buying cards this summer. The need for Jubilee funds is ongoing.

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

Refugee Resettlement Update: Crowded Family is Settling In Happily

The extended Kafley family is adapting quickly to life in Lancaster, and the good people at St. John's have helped enormously to make that adjustment as easy as possible.

By now, Kamal Kafley, his wife Renuka and six-year-old daughter Ristha are familiar faces to many of you. They attend the coffee hour between services and enjoy being greeted by parishioners. After less than two months in this country, Kamal has a work authorization card, a Social Security card, a bank account, a driver's permit, and boundless eagerness to find a job to help support his extended family.

Dadi, who arrived a week after his brother Kamal, is the most sociable member of the family. He enjoys spending time with the growing Bhutanese community in Lancaster, and he too is looking hard for a job.

The most recent arrivals of the Kafley family – brother Ganga and parents Shiva (mother) and Nandi (father) – arrived in Lancaster at the end of April. They are adapting a bit more slowly because their English is more limited. After living for 19 years in a refugee camp, there is so much to get used to!

At the moment, all seven members of the family are crowded into a small two-bedroom apartment on W. James St. However, a second apartment has been rented for Kamal, Renuka and Ristha. (Kamal is very proud that he was able to sign the lease.) They will move in early June. The other two brothers and the parents will stay in the apartment on W. James St.

Most of the belongings needed for the second apartment have been donated by members at St. John's or by neighbors who are involved in this project with us. At the moment, our biggest need is a twin bed for Ristha.

WISH LIST:

Here's what is needed/wanted from St. John's parishioners:

- Any and all job leads. St. John's financial support for the family will end soon, and the family will need to be self-sufficient. The Kafleys have three able-bodied men who need jobs, and Renuka also is looking for work. (The parents can provide child care for Ristha.)
- Phone calling cards. The most desired gift in the Bhutanese community is a \$2 phone calling card. We're told the OK card is best (it buys 15 minutes to a loved one in a Nepali refugee camp), though the National card also is good (it buys 11 minutes). We're told you can buy the OK card at some Hess gas stations or at Indian markets. You can find the National card at the Asian market near McCaskey.
- A twin bed.
- A DVD player. Anyone have an old one?
- Your continued prayers for this family and for all refugees struggling to resettle in a foreign land.

The Refugee Resettlement Committee thanks everyone at St. John's for your impressive supply of warmth, generosity and good humor as we welcome the Kafleys into our midst. If you'd like to be involved in any way, please contact Mary Lou Higgs at mlehiggs@earthlink.net or Sue Hurlburt at sahurlburt@comcast.net.

Submitted by, *Mary Lou Higgs*

PROPERTY

The Property Corner

1. We are applying the penetrating epoxy to the wall in the Boiler Room as the boilers are shut down during summer.
2. Max Heider has painted the wrought iron fence and railings around our church property for his Eagle Project. Signage for the Becker House {Parish Office} is progressing with Max's diligence.
3. Property Committee is revisiting geothermal system collecting various quotes.
4. We are keeping up with compliance from city inspections for our rental properties in roof repair, repointing, ceiling and exterior dormer painting and fence and patio reconstruction.
5. Looking into Auditorium Improvements of ceiling fans, stage panels, patching/painting walls and, roof leaks.
6. Ongoing lighting improvements are needed in church and chapel areas and are being addressed by outside contracts and Bill Gross's efforts.
7. Life Safety issues are being attended to with exit signs and fire alarm system.

With God's Grace,

Phil Becker

THANK YOU!

"Dinner Out Volunteers"

The Baked Ziti casseroles were expected to be delivered by our volunteer chefs by 2:00 PM the afternoon of our "Dinner Out" event. But as of noon, only three of the anticipated 10 pans of ziti sat in the church refrigerator. A bit of panic set in on my part, but I should have known better. "Keep the faith" kept running through my mind, and sure enough, all our volunteers met the deadline and we were off to St. Paul's Church with food abounding by 2:30 PM. Only one problem: the doors were locked with a sign saying, "No Community Dinner Tonight". Well, after another few moments of panic and some phone calls, the doors were unlocked and we were ready to go.

Baked Ziti seems to be a favorite of this group, and the large portions were very well received. They were quite happy with "seconds", too, since we had plenty to go around. Many thanks to those who prepared the meal: *Sue Breneman, Joanna Sweeney, Priscilla Farmer, Shirley McGee, Shirley Shaheen, Mary Jane Tyson, Hilary Becker, Connie Burch, Shelby Kilhefner*, and our "Mystery Chef" who adopted Bill Gross' pan and recipe when he left in on a table in the parish hall. Our volunteer servers deserve many thanks, too: *Susan Blevins, Sandra Jackson, Graham Henry* and *Aaron Spicher*. And appreciation goes out to *Sue and Dave Martin* for organizing plates and plastic goods for the evening.

With a full heart... and stomach -- thank you!

Janice Henry

MUSIC MINISTRY

...from the Music Desk

Another year (or 'season', as we say in theatre and music circles) is winding up. Before our St. John's musicians scatter on vacations and other distant summer excursions, a huge **THANK YOU** is in order. Each member of each ensemble has contributed many hours to rehearsals and worship and holiday services. Factoring in the number of participants and the hours for each service and rehearsal, here is what they will have contributed between September 2008 and June 7, 2009 in total volunteer time:

Children's Choir: 396 hours
Handbell Choir: 730 hours
Chancel Choir: 936 hours

That's a sum of (drumroll....) **2062 VOLUNTEER HOURS!!!** Now granted, one could notch that figure down with absenteeism, yet the number still stands as a testament to what St. John's musicians, young and not-so-young, give to the glory of God each and every week.

So Ringers and Singers, although you are still looked for in church this summer, take your hiatus knowing your time and effort and gift of music and heart have been appreciated. All of us will look forward to your return following Labor Day weekend. Till then, here are some Music Department highlights:

- On Friday, May 22, Betty Finney and I will travel to the MalMark plant in Plumsteadville (near Allentown). We will be taking our four cases of handbells to be refurbished. Like all things mechanical they've been well used and are in need of parts replacement and resurfacing. This is a process that only needs doing about every 10 years. A gracious donor has made this possible. And our taking the bells will eliminate the shipping cost for St. John's. When the company staff is done our handbell set will be like new.
- Our Music Library is now fully catalogued and in place, with room on our shelves and file cabinets allocated for future resources to arrive. A BIG thank you goes to Hagar Scott who helped with the initial endeavor. Without you, Hagar, it would've taken longer!
- Summer Music 2009 The roster of musicians for this summer seems complete, yet there are always last-minute schedule changes. If you'd like to be a back-up, don't hesitate to let me know (625-1568). If we end up with more than two musicians at a given service, that's NOT a problem!!
- Lastly, thank you to all Children's Choir, Chancel Choir, and Handbell Choir for making the music glorious for Bishop Baxter's visit yesterday! You helped put the wrapping on the package.

Yours,

Randy Day, Minister of Music



EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

Thank you for your support of our plant sale. We were able to contribute \$300 (the cost of a field trip) to the St. Barnabas Center in Harrisburg. This program offers an eight week summer day camp for inner city children who need an safe and enriching environment when not in school. Episcopal Church Women from all over the diocese have been asked to support this program. Thank you for helping St. John's to do this through our plant sale fund raiser. It is a joy filled project with a joy filled purpose. A special thanks to Cynthia Minnich and Sue Breneman who help to coordinate it.

For your information: our ECW assists the hospitality of St. John's, not only with woman power, but with "stuff" such as coffee, sugar, cleaning solutions, towels and cloths, paper products and storage containers, linens, dishes, serving items, etc. So, when you drop some change in the coffee donation basket, you are helping to supply these items. Keep it up, please. Actually, there are no complaints right now. Recent weekly coffee donations have been covering costs. Thanks for your current generosity, summer should be no different.

Submitted by,
Sue Martin

ST. JOHN'S FOOD BANK



We are in need of the following items for our Food Bank / Door Ministry. If you can donate any of these items, please bring them to the rear of the church on any Sunday or to the church office. Thank you.

**Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter & Jelly,
Pasta Sauce, Canned Meat & Tuna**

ST. JOHN'S BIBLE STUDY

Please make a note that the "Adult Punctuation Bible Study Group" that meets each Sunday in the Becker House between services at 9:15 a.m., will not meet during the months of June, July and August. This study group will resume on Sunday, **September 13, 2009**.



VISIT OUR WEBSITE!



Have you visited the St. John's website recently? If not, take a few minutes to admire the wonderful photography and music tour. You can also view the church calendar at any time to check on scheduled meetings and events. The monthly "Messenger" is also posted on our website. Let us know what you think. Visit us at: www.stjohns-lancaster.org

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Almy, Mark	June 15
Bauer, June	June 17
Brenton, Molly	June 28
Brenton, Tyler	June 17
Cooney, Bryce	June 8
Cooney, Meghan	June 11
Farmer, Mary	June 29
Fenn, Craig	June 21
Freeman, Sibyl	June 2
Gouveia, John	June 27
Hall, Clifford	June 15
Hasircoglu, Aaron	June 15
Hasircoglu, Julia	June 5
Herr, Toryn	June 9
Hickman, Shannon	June 15
Kauffman, Haley	June 17
Kilhefner, Eric	June 28
Kilp, Mary Ellen	June 24
Kilp, Robert	June 19
Light, Lilykate	June 19
Limroth, Jacqueline	June 24
Moyer, Molly	June 1
Novosel, Peter	June 24
Patterson, Robert	June 13
Plaxa, Kathleen	June 19
Plaxa, Kristin	June 15
Plaxa, Peter	June 6
Purdy, Phil	June 15
Rahe, Nicholas	June 2
Spangler, Esther	June 24
Tahsler, Susan	June 8
Waskowicz, Mary	June 6
Wengert, Sandra	June 22
Wise, Ian	June 22

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Becker, Hilary & Phil	June 24
Breitegan, Loie & Jim	June 11
Burch, Connie & Ken	June 20
Conklin, Mandy & Michael	June 27
Crawford, Ann & Don	June 20
Cummins, Frank & Shannon, Maureen	June 20
Ginolfi, Priscilla & Ray	June 30
Gordon, Jean & Ed	June 21
Kauffman, Kim & Rick	June 21
Linton, Debby & Ron	June 23
Loose, Pam & Ted	June 25
Martin, Sue & Dave	June 24
Miller, Donna & John	June 17
Moore, Rachel & Kevin	June 15
Purdy, Sue & Phil	June 13
Rahe, Deborah & Scott	June 7
Stone, Janelle & Jeff	June 25
Strickler, Rosemary & Kent	June 25
Suliveras, Katherine & Anthony	June 22
Zeller, Jeannie & Ken	June 30



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.



*Stella & Lillian Akello
Betty Beiler
Chet Connor
Linda Frederiksen
George Glew
Howard Kane
Lauren Kulka
Joan Lahr
Dottie Patterson
Ryan
Wengert Family
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
Sean McCormick, Karl Miller, 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 - JUNE, 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!"*

JUNE 7	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Bill Moyer, Ricky Smith	Sibyl Freeman, Eric Freeman
Eucharistic Visitor	Stephanie McGovern	Joanna Sweeney, C. Weaver-Gelzer Fred & Eleanor Honaman
Lectors	Sue Breneman	Frank Cummins
Server	—	Selena Hasircoglu
Crucifer	—	Phil Becker
Torch Bearer	—	—
Altar Guild	Team 4	Team 4
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	—	Bruce Waskowicz
Coffee Hour Host		Usher Teams: B & C
Nursery	—	Marla Lester

JUNE 14	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Merle Schnee, Max Heider	Carl Hartman, Eric Waskowicz
Eucharistic Visitor	—	Jan Brown, Don Durand
Lector	Peggy Craige	David Dissinger
Server	—	David Kilp
Crucifer	—	Adam Kilp
Torch Bearer	—	—
Altar Guild	Team 5	Team 5
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team B
Greeter	—	Leslie Morgan
Coffee Hour Host		Jackson Family
Nursery	—	Janelle Stone

SERVING SCHEDULE - JUNE, 2009 (CONTINUED)

JUNE 21	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Bill Moyer, Ricky Smith	Barbara McGraw, Dan Dorgan
Eucharistic Visitor	Bill Moyer, Kathy Novosel	Phyllis Gbur, Sue Heilman, Fred & Eleanor Honaman
Lector	Ray Manlove	Fran Gouveia
Server	Max Heider	Ellie Walsh
Crucifer	—	Dave Pennell
Torch Bearer	—	—
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team C
Greeter	—	John Gouveia
Coffee Hour Host		Tahsler & Gromis Families
Nursery	—	Cindy Morris

JUNE 28	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Merle Schnee, Kathy Novosel	Brad Moyer, Peter Novosel
Eucharistic Visitor	—	Phil & Sue Purdy
Lector	Kathy Novosel	Phil Purdy
Server	—	Lauren Waskowicz
Crucifer	—	Garth Alexander
Torch Bearer	—	—
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team D
Greeter	—	Jill Gross
Coffee Hour Host		Latshaw Family
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.