



St. John's Messenger

July, 2013

from Fr. John W. Morris, Rector

CONVENTION AND BEYOND

This year's Diocesan Convention was exceptionally significant for us at St. John's as well as for our diocese. Among the resolutions that were passed, three in particular stand out: Gun Violence, Voting Rights, and Conversation and Reflection on Those Living in Poverty. These resolutions were endorsed by our Jubilee Ministries and discussed at our Sunday morning Adult Formation and Education Gatherings. They generated much passionate debate at Convention and were amended along the way in an atmosphere that was Christian as well as candid, respectful and open to compromise. You can see the resolutions in their final form at the diocesan website: www.diocesepa.org.

Equally noteworthy was the visible role played by our St. John's delegation and parish leaders. With the ten parishes of the Lancaster Convocation serving as this year's Convention host, St. John's leadership was central. Judy Donnelly, the Convocation's Co-Convener, used her considerable organizational skills to help successfully manage what by all accounts was a particularly smooth Convention.

Pastor Jennifer as the Liturgist for Convention helped design uniquely moving worship experiences for Compline, Morning Prayer and the closing Holy Eucharist. She was assisted by Aaron Spicher, Convention Verger; David Kilp, Compline Officiant; Fran Gouveia on recorder and guitar, Bradley Mattson on trumpet; Paul Reese, Choir Director; with Sue Zuke, Ken Smith, John and Fran Gouveia and Joannie Kilhefner composing the core of the Convocation Choir. Additionally, the other members of our delegation, John Herzog, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer and Mary Ellen Kilp, served as Greeters, Registration Assistants and general volunteers.

We can be especially proud of our youth representatives. Joannie Kilhefner was part of the newly instituted Diocesan Youth Presence at Convention. This group of a dozen teens from around the diocese speaks on behalf of all their peers while learning about leadership at a diocesan level. David Kilp, one of our elected delegates, was one of only two youth with voice and vote at Convention.

St. John's Church, Lancaster is a principal parish of our diocese. Numerically speaking we are one of the largest Episcopal Churches in the mid state, and the quality of our ministries is at the top. Your clergy serve in key diocesan leadership position. Pastor Jennifer is an elected member of the Council of Trustees – the diocesan equivalent of a parish's vestry. I have been appointed by Bishop Baxter to chair the Congregational Development Commission who has oversight for the health of our sixty six churches and their clergy. And at this year's Convention we were honored by the election of Penn Glazier to serve on the diocesan Ecclesiastical Court.

It is my hope that we will continue to build a deeper and stronger relationship between our parish and our diocese. I would like to have all diocesan resolutions presented to the parish before Convention and following to have a report to the congregation. I would like to see our youth continue to be leaders in our diocese. I can imagine a St. John's Nominating Committee who invites members to serve at a diocesan level in the same way we do parish and vestry leadership.

A diocese is only as strong as its parishes. And parishes are only as good as their diocese. Having St. John's leadership serving our diocese can only serve to make all our ministries better.

John+

THE REV. JENNIFER E. LOOKER

After three years of prayerful discernment, careful planning and creative fundraising, our pilgrims are preparing to depart for England! The group includes adult chaperones Matt and Mary Woolson, Mary Ellen Kilp, young adult chaperone David Kilp and our teens: Molly Brenton, Julia Hasircoglu, Rachel Hreben, Joannie Kilhefner, and John Waskowicz. They will depart from St. John's on Friday, August 2nd, and arrive in London early Saturday morning. They will return to "the states" on Sunday, August 11th.

Our pilgrims will stay in London for the duration of their pilgrimage, with day trips to Canterbury, Oxford, Stonehenge and Bath planned. Each day will begin with Morning Prayer and end with Compline, either led by our teens or experienced in local churches. The pilgrimage will include ample opportunity to see the "C of E" (Church of England) up close and in action. Our group is particularly blessed by the opportunity to participate in a program specifically tailored for J2A pilgrims offered by Canterbury. They will enjoy a tour of Canterbury with attention given to their own faith and formation in the larger context of the Anglican Communion. A tour of Westminster Abbey is also being planned. Time will be given for experiencing the larger culture, including visits to the Tower of London, The London Eye, Westminster, Big Ben, the Olympic Village and of course, Buckingham Palace.

The opportunity to embark on pilgrimage is a life-changing experience. Our teens have intentionally and prayerfully prepared for their time together. After three years of growing as a group, they will depart in a few short weeks. But before they do, we will have two more opportunities to send them off in style. On **Saturday, July 13th**, St. John's will host a **Blueberry Festival** to celebrate and support our pilgrims. We have been gifted with a huge crop of blueberries that will be ladled on fresh ice cream, baked into cobbler and sweetened (just slightly) for jam. The evening will begin at 7:00 p.m. with a concert in the church. Paul Reese will play the organ, Bradley Mattson the trumpet, and a variety of other musicians- including our J2A teens- will round out the evening. A festive blueberry reception will be offered in the courtyard, during which "blues" music will be played to set the tone. Tickets for the event (which includes both the concert and reception) will be sold for \$5- a really great deal!

On **Sunday morning, July 28th**, we will invite our pilgrims to come forward for a time of prayer and blessing. We will **commission our pilgrims** as representatives of St. John's, The Diocese of Central Pennsylvania and the larger The Episcopal Church (they have promised to leave their jeans and sweat pants at home!). I hope you will join me in praying for our pilgrims during this extraordinary time. They are an incredible group of adults and young people, and I have every confidence that they will continue to grow in their faith and formation, and will bless us richly as a congregation upon their return.

On **Sunday, September 22nd**, our pilgrims will share their experience with us at both services. We can look forward to pictures and stories that evoke, in some small way, the significance of what they will share together. In the meantime, may we join together in prayer and thanksgiving for what will undoubtedly be the experience of a lifetime.

Jennifer+

MDG CHALLENGES FOR JULY, 2013

Visualize the month of July. You see corn fields, tomatoes, gardens and road side stands, picnics, playing and walking outside - a peaceful imagery. Some of God's children do not realize the same vision. They are still hungry. Help to change that picture.

MDG Challenge for July 7th

"When people were hungry, Jesus didn't say, "Now is that political, or social?" He said, "I feed you." Because the good news to a hungry person is bread."

- Desmond Tutu

Bread, soup, fruit, anything - Anything you bring for the Food Bank is good news.

MDG Challenge for July 14th

"You can't have a world where 50 percent of the people are dieting and 50 percent of the people are starving if you want stability."

Bishop John Shelby Spong

Meet your needs and those working for the community with the Jubilee Committee.

Buy Grocery Cards! Keeps you on your budget, keeps food on your plate, helps with programming for God's children - your extended family!

MDG Challenge for July 21st

"I never look at the masses as my responsibility. I look at the individual. I can love only one person at a time. I can feed only one person at a time.

Just one, one, one."

- Mother Teresa

Visualize each of us coming weekly bringing just "one" food item to share. Then help make it happen.

MDG Challenge for July 28th

Under-nutrition contributes to 2.6 million deaths of children under five each year— one third of the global total. UNICEF, 2011

Visualize those little faces - Accept the challenge - then HELP!

VESTRY'S WARDEN

The Times They are a Changin' (Bob Dylan)

In the June Vestry meeting, Charlie Braught made the comment: "During the summer, the Church doesn't go away." That was almost a subtheme beneath much of our Vestry discussion. Fr. John sketched out his plans for the summer. The report from the Nominating Committee suggested that summer was one of their most active times. Pastor Jennifer described conversations that were soon to take place between herself, Karen DiPace and Mary Ellen Kilp about the grouping of our youth in Sunday School for the fall — and also about teaming up with St. James for VBS next month. Indeed, the Church doesn't go away."

But Charlie also said (though not in these words) that as the Church goes on, it changes. Charlie is in a good position to make that observation because he was a member of the Vestry a number of years ago, before an extended period of time when he lived away from Lancaster. One of the major areas of change is that of finance, the area for which Charlie serves as Vestry Steward. And one of the major tasks to which the Finance Committee has set itself is to bring St. John's methods of accounting into "GAAP Compliance." And what, you might ask, is that?

GAAP stands for Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. As the phrase suggests, over the years, certain accounting practices have proven themselves in the world of finance and have been accepted as the standard to be followed by industry and financial institutions. The assumption of GAAP by everyone means that various "players" in the financial world are, in many important ways, all "on the same page" in the way they operate and thus may have confidence in one another for following procedures that are regarded as financially sound.

At present, St. John's Church is not a player. We are following an accounting system that has grown as the Church has grown, but it has failed to serve us well as our organization has become more complex, and it is out of compliance with the rest of the accounting world. Over the past several years, Steve Latshaw has worked diligently with the Finance Committee in an attempt to make revisions in our system so that it is more appropriate to our ministries and more functional. What these efforts have made crystal clear is our need to become GAAP Compliant. And this is no trivial matter. Our dealings with the larger world of finance make it urgent that this be done as quickly as possible. Our ability to effectively manage our own financial house also depends on it. This step is not inexpensive, but it also is not avoidable.

In the June Vestry meeting, this financial discussion took the form of the Resolution regarding a Financial Advisor that is reported elsewhere in this issue of the Messenger. Please read it carefully. We hope as soon as it is feasible to provide a forum for discussion, questions and answers about this process ... and about the "new look" of finances at St. John's. Watch for announcements.

Submitted by,

John Herzog
Vestry's Warden

TREASURER'S REPORT

Those lazy, hazy days of summer are upon us. It is a time for family vacations. This generally translates to lower attendance at church, which also means lower contributions. Unfortunately, it appears that the "summer doldrums" started in May this year. Our pledged contributions have continued to fall behind and now are at 90% of the budget level for the year. Just like our own homes, the bills continue to come in even when we are out of the house. Second quarter contribution reports will be arriving soon. Please carefully examine yours when it arrives. If you believe there is a mistake, we need to know as soon as possible.

Thanks go to the entire Property Committee. Not just for the outstanding job they are doing caring for our facility, but also for the way they are working with the Finance Committee. These two committees have been communicating more effectively than any time in the past. Working together we will be able to complete all of the necessary projects without undo strain on our cash flow. Again, thank you Peter Eaton, Sherry Qualls and all of your committee members.

The numbers for the period ending May 31, 2013 are as follows:

	May <u>Actual</u>	May <u>Budget</u>	Year <u>Actual</u>	Year <u>Budget</u>
Pledged Contributions	\$22,800	\$28,583	\$128,779	\$142,916
Non-Pledged contributions	\$ 9,994	\$ 2,917	\$ 21,729	\$ 14,583
Total Revenue All Sources	\$49,525	\$56,835	\$237,942	\$245,175
Total Expenses	\$40,395	\$56,788	\$245,984	\$285,440

Steve Latshaw
Treasurer

VESTRY RESOLUTION

The following resolution was approved at the St. John's Vestry Meeting on June 17, 2013:

Financial Advisor—The Vestry acknowledging the importance of bringing the accounting system into full compliance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, approves the letter of engagement with Jenny Landis, and directs the creation of a new budget line item under the Finance Ministries expenditure section to record all associated expenses. The budget is to be set in accordance with the letter of engagement at 150 hours at a rate of \$125 per hour or a total of \$18,750 for the engagement.

Question called by John Herzog. Resolution approved.



~Blueberry Festival~

Join us for an evening of beautiful music followed by a reception featuring all-things blueberry, including “blues” style music in the Courtyard.

Saturday, July 13th
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Music Featuring:
Paul Reese, on Organ
Bradley Mattson, on Trumpet
and a String Quartet!

Tickets:
\$5 per person (includes concert & reception)

All proceeds will benefit the J2A pilgrimage to England.

WEEKLY SUNDAY ALTAR FLOWERS



If you'd like to remember a loved one(s) with an altar flower or give thanks for a special occasion, please be sure to stop by the bulletin board in the Parish Hall and add your name to the Flower Chart. Details and donation envelopes will also be available at the chart. Please be sure to mark your check accordingly and a \$30 donation is appreciated.

If you are unable to travel to church but are interested in signing up, please contact our Parish Secretary, Patti Means. We are encouraging two (2) remembrances per Sunday. Following is the information we have received for the time-frame **July through September, 2013**. The blank areas remain available. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

SUNDAY DATE	(1)	(2)
JULY 7	Patti Means	
JULY 14	Faith D'Urbano	Sue Heilman
JULY 21	Isabell Yackley	
JULY 28	Joan Lorenz	
AUGUST 4		
AUGUST 11	Carolyn Maxey	
AUGUST 18	Hasircoglu Family	Moyer Family
AUGUST 25	Gross Family	
SEPTEMBER 1		
SEPTEMBER 8		
SEPTEMBER 15		
SEPTEMBER 22		
SEPTEMBER 29		

We Need Your Help!

Our Altar Guild is looking for additional members. It would require 1 1/2 hours of your time, every 5 weekend. If you would be interested in serving St. John's with this ministry, please contact Cynthia Minnich for more details.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School News

Karen DiPace, Sunday School Director

Thank you all for a great year of church school! We look forward to resuming classes in the fall! Mark your calendar for the first day of classes, as well as our education Sunday kick-off picnic on Sunday, September 8th! A special thank you to all the gathering time musical volunteers who have helped Paul Reese and Pastor Jennifer kick-off our mornings! Looking forward to more musical fun in the fall!

We have counted our “Coins for a Cause” and have collected a grand total of \$214.00! Thanks to two (2) generous anonymous donors, that amount has been increased to 578.00! Thank you all for your help in exceeding our goal. The children had set a goal to raise \$235.00 so they can purchase 50 chicks, a pair of goats, a wheelbarrow, seeds, and tools through Church World Services. Now, they can more than double that!

*Don't forget to save the dates for our upcoming Vacation Bible School July 7th -11th. Look for more information in this “Messenger”. All ages are welcome. Please fill out the registration form or contact Pastor Jennifer to volunteer to help!

Don't forget to wish the J2A a hearty ‘bon voyage’ as they leave for their pilgrimage to England this summer. I am looking forward to hearing all about it in the fall! I hope you all have a safe and fun summer!!!

Journey to Adulthood

Mary Ellen Kilp, Youth Director

Many thanks to the teens serving as counselors for this year's **Vacation Bible School: A-Amazing Mystery!** The presence of teen counselors makes all the difference- whether leading music, telling stories, helping with crafts or simply being a friendly presence, our teen counselors are what make VBS so memorable. If you haven't signed up to help yet, please let Pastor Jennifer know asap if you are interested. VBS will be offered every night from July 7th-11th, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Join us even if you can only come for one or two nights! It is a great experience that makes a real and lasting impact.

Save the date for the last major J2A fundraiser! On **Saturday evening, July 13th**, gather for a **Blueberry Festival** featuring great music and equally great food. A concert will be offered in the church at 7:00 p.m., followed by a reception in the courtyard featuring “blues” music and fresh blueberry treats. Tickets will cost \$5 per person and all proceeds will benefit the pilgrimage.

Speaking of which..... **the pilgrimage** is almost here! J2A teens Molly Brenton, Julia Hasircoglu, Rachel Hreben, Joanie Kilhefner, and John Waskowicz will journey to England with Matt and Mary Woolson and Mary Ellen and David Kilp from August 2nd to 11th. They will stay in London while visiting other parts of England, including Oxford and Canterbury. Please pray for our pilgrims as they plan for this important life experience.

Calendar of Events

July 17–11 Vacation Bible School

August 2–11 J2A Pilgrimage



A week of **A-Mazing Mysteries**...

investigating God's word and world at
Vacation Bible School

Join us as we explore the most of awesome of
Who Dun Its?

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Sunday, July 7th -Thursday, July 11th
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

(Kickoff Supper – Sunday, July 7th @ 5:00 p.m.)

Please send your completed registration form to:

St. John's Episcopal Church – Vacation Bible School
321 West Chestnut Street Lancaster, PA 17603
or email [kindercarroll28@gmail](mailto:kindercarroll28@gmail.com) to let us know you are interested in attending

Please Register No Later than July 1st – there is no fee to attend VBS



Child's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Gender: M F Grade Level Entering: K 1 2 3 4 5 Age _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Phone Number (Home) _____ (Work/Cell) _____

Best Person/Number to Call in Case of Emergency _____

Emergency Backup Contact Person/Number _____

Please note any special medical or dietary needs: _____

In the case of an emergency, I authorize any medical care deemed necessary by an accredited physician, nurse, paramedic, or hospital while my child is involved in this church activity.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Health Insurance Company _____ Policy # _____

Do you give permission for your child's picture to be used in newsletter publication? YES NO
(name will not be printed along with the picture)

PROPERTY COMMITTEE MINUTES—JUNE, 2013

Present

Phil Becker, Doug Brown, Rich Collier, Bob Fields, Bill Gross, Mike Heider, and Peter Eaton attended the meeting. Fr. John had a Finance Committee meeting for this evening, making him unavailable for our meeting. Cynthia Minnich was recovering from her illness, while Janice Henry had a conflict

Peter Eaton opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. with the manager's report.

Manager's Report

Much time and resources have been expended on the WiFi set-up thus far. There have been some snags, for which I have yet to hear back from Ed Shoff. We will be losing our manufacturer's technical support window soon unless we purchase an extension for this service. At this point there has been such reconfiguration of our equipment by Ed that I would probably not be able to do anything.

Considerable time and effort has been expended in coordinating the building repairs from the auto accident. The driver's insurer has not returned my calls thus far. If this continues, we may have to obtain legal council to pursue this claim. Doug Brown will be doing the repairs and I have also asked him to perform our annual repointing at our narthex entrance. He has started repairs.

The inspection of our fire alarm system that was scheduled for May 16th with Select Security and the City Fire Marshall's office was rescheduled for the completion of our phase 4 in June. The Fire Marshall's Office didn't have approved plans for phases 2 and 3. Select Security will be addressing this situation. An inspection of our rental properties is scheduled.

Old Business

Phase 4 Fire Alarm System – We will be looking now into an October installation, as a result of discussion with the Finance Committee.

Courtyard Subcommittee Report – Doug reported good progress with our mini-meetings and the table to address questions and concerns about this project. We will probably need to get Vestry approval for our percolation tests. A need has been demonstrated for a model to show our campus for clarification.

Painting – Plans are being made for the committee to address the re-finishing of the Sacristy.

Undercroft Redesign –Discussion was had regarding the moving of offices to have Paul Reese in proximity to the music room. Ethernet cable is being run to this area for Paul and a router for undercroft use.

Library Renovation – Completed. Bill is working on Library entrance signage.

Becker House Fire Alarm System – on hold until next year. At the recommendation of staff, a quote of \$4,985 was received for fire alarm system coverage within the Becker House and the passage. The proposal includes smoke detectors on every level and in the parish and financial secretaries' offices, two manual pull stations and two horn strobes. A \$10/month maintenance fee is associated with this additional equipment. Bill is working on zone assignments for this additional equipment and that of our courtyard accessibility project. It was felt this would be best planned in next year's budget.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE MINUTES—JUNE, 2013 (CONTINUED)

Project Name – Bill asked everyone for ideas for a project name/theme. We have already received some ideas.

Nursery Improvements –Mostly completed. A bulletin board is all that remains thanks to Mike and Janice.

Parish House - Coat Racks – We will evaluate this request for our cold months later this year.

Security Drop Box – The drop box has been ordered. An installation this month is anticipated

Tobacco Policy – A discussion was had at the last Vestry meeting, which will probably continue during their future meetings. Our Policy Use Form would have to reflect this policy.

New Business

June's Life Safety Inspections – Bill's recent inspection was unremarkable.

Mutual Ministry Review – Please contact Peter or Fr. John with your thoughts on our property program.

Reminders

Next Meeting – The next Property Committee meeting will be on July 1st, 2013 at 7 p.m. at the Becker House. Please bring your significant others.

Cynthia Minnich– The committee offered Cynthia their well wishes and hopes for a speedy recovery.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Bill Gross, Property Manager

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

REFLECTIONS FROM JULIE GITTENS

Independence Day

One of the joys of being an American is holidays. We Americans love holidays. We average at least one holiday a month to celebrate just about anything. Some holidays are religious, some are historical and some just are. If we can celebrate it, we'll have a holiday and if we're really lucky, Congress will make it a national holiday and we can have the day off from work. Of course, in July, our holiday is Independence Day, the Fourth of July. There's a great joy to Independence Day; it's a day for a family get together, picnics, cookouts, and a day for just having fun. It's the day we remember what being an American is all about; the day we celebrate our freedoms.

If we Americans love one thing as much as our holidays; it's our freedoms. We talk about our freedoms all the time: our freedom of speech, our freedom of religion, our freedom of assembly. What's funny, at least to me, is how Jason Whitlock, a sportscaster with Fox News, described these basic human rights most Americans take for granted. During a debate about banning college football, hosted by NYU, Whitlock said, "In the USA, we have Freedom and then, we have Free Dumb." The latter he said applies to people who like to abuse the freedoms set forth in our Bill of Rights and Constitution by their language, their attitudes and their personalities.

After I heard him say this, I had to laugh, because Whitlock was stating a simple truth about being an American. We have freedoms and with these freedoms come the right to be dumb in how we express them. If there are two things Americans will agree and argue about it's our freedom of speech and our freedom of religion. We hold those freedoms to be what makes being an American so special. We have a right to say whatever we want without fear of government retribution and a right to have any religious belief or disbelief we want. The irony, of course, is that our founding fathers never envisioned the 21st Century. They never envisioned the internet, chat boards or Facebook. It never accorded to them that the freedom of speech would be abused by people posting spiteful and hate-filled messages on the internet. And they certainly never envisioned that these same people would use their freedom of religion as a reason why they make these comments.

There are things we Episcopalians consider as the standards of our Church, our faith: protesting against racial and ethnic violence, feeding the hungry, clothing the poor, healing the sick. Most Americans consider us "liberals" because of it. So the question is "are we being liberal Americans or are we just being good Christians?" Do the freedoms expressed in our Constitution explain why we act the way we do or does our faith? Are we willing to listen to what the opposing side says because as Americans we remember the freedom of speech or because as Christians we remember these words, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous." Matthew 5:43-45.

Submitted by,

Julie Gittens

JUBILEE MINISTRIES

BREAKFAST

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST—(Contact: Sue Martin)

“Volunteers Welcome!”



SATURDAY, JULY 20: 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.

FELLOWSHIP

Volunteers are always needed to help prepare and serve the breakfast.

MARTHA’S MINISTRY (formerly Blankets and Sew On) - (Contact: Jeannie Zeller)

Come and join us in the **Parish Hall** at St. John’s on **Tuesday afternoons** from **2:00-4:00 p.m.** as we share fellowship and ideas!

DOOR MINISTRY & FOOD BANK - (Contacts: Norma Murphy or Aaron Spicher)

Non-perishable food donations can be delivered to the church office or given to the Ushers on Sunday. Weekly food bags/boxes are organized for families or single people and are distributed from our church office on Tuesday and Thursday to those in need.

FULTON SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP—If you shop at a Turkey Hill store and purchase any of their milk items, **BE SURE TO SAVE THE “MOO” MONEY BOTTLE CAPS** and bring them to church on Sundays. There is a collection container at the Eagle’s Nest area of the Parish Hall. We’re also collecting Box Tops for Education, Printer Cartridges, and Campbell Soup Labels. Every little bit helps and we appreciate your support.

“St. John’s Jubilee Center”

Here at St. John’s, we can be proud of the many ministries with which we serve our community, our church and our world. Each of them requires the time of a group of individuals, some require money, and a few just require that we open our doors (and our hearts) to others. For years now, we have hosted AA, NA, and VA meetings where people are comfortable in discussing their substance abuse and other mental health issues. We do not know who they are, but we welcome them by having a room where they can meet.

This year we opened our doors to Building Hope. This is a project that was conceived and implemented by a group of 11th and 12th graders from Lancaster Catholic High School. Each Tuesday evening they offer a program that is aimed at providing a safe place for homeless teens. In effect, it is teens helping teens. St. John’s was the fourteenth organization the students approached and the only one to say yes. We have been hosting Building Hope for four months now and lately other churches have come to the teens asking them to open the program there. The students have told the other organizations that they want to be sure it is successful here before expanding to other locations. Even though it is only one evening per week, and they know the need exists every night, they are not prepared to do more yet. Recently, Building Hope was featured in Lancaster Fine Living. It has also been visited by Children and Youth, Lancaster City Police Homeless Project and a County Commissioner. Each came because they wanted to network with Building Hope. We have a small cadre of members who serve as hosts each week. We are amazed at the depth of some of the discussion groups. The program will continue over the summer with a two week break.

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JUBILEE MINISTRIES (CONTINUED)

While we offer no financial support to Building Hope, we recognize that St. John's incurs some costs in offering its buildings to outsiders. These are some of the costs you help defray by buying Grocery Cards. Jubilee Ministries are designed to operate at "no cost" to the Operating Budget. In effect, this is true because we do not make a contribution to Utility costs or time that our staff may spend doing some behind the scenes work. However, at the end of each year, any surplus is turned over to the Operating Budget to help reduce the overall deficit. So please, purchase Grocery Cards and help us to continue to be known as "St. John's Jubilee Center."

Submitted by, *John Gouveia*

Grow in God. Act in Service. Witness in Love

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)



"Wake Up & Smell the Coffee!"

ECW is sometimes synonymous with Hospitality, although it is so much more at St. John's. While putting in a plug for the Diocesan Retreat at Cape May in September (please check the Parish Hall bulletin board for information), I would also like to address hospitality as it pertains to Coffee Hour.

For the many of us who enjoy the fellowship of coffee hour (often referred to as the second communion of the day), these words may be of interest to you, as well as a gentle reminder. ECW buys all of the coffee supplies, while individual committees and families supply the accompanying food. ECW also pays for the paper and cleaning supplies which includes the special agents for the dishwashers.

Each Sunday, a small donation is requested from our parishioners to be placed in the basket at the coffee counter. While many folks are generous and regular with their donations, many ignore it, or simply just plain forget. The following startling fact of finance may just shake us up a bit: **Since the start of this year, the bills for coffee alone are \$600, while the deposits from the basket have only been \$250!**

Another sad fact is that much of the prepared coffee every Sunday, is wasted. Many mugs are returned with a half a cup of coffee remaining and some full pots of coffee have to be washed away. Let's see what habits we can change. That's the hard part!

Thanks for taking the time to care, so we can continue to *'smell the coffee'*!

Sue Martin

MUSIC MINISTRY

Let's Play Jeopardy!

Answer(s):

1. I have no choice
2. to stay human
3. the same reason we breathe
4. chicks dig it
5. a wonderful chemical goes off in your brain
6. something physical, spiritual and emotional happens
7. I become a part of something bigger than myself
8. I make good friends
9. makes the world a better place

What is: Why do you sing?

These are actual answers to this question posed to participants in the 2008 Minnesota Sesquicentennial Celebration. Over 300 men, women, and children came together to SING!

The choir season at St. John's has come to an end. Wednesday evenings are free once again and it is certainly nice to have a break. But I'd like to share why I am so excited about beginning once again in September.

I have sung in church choirs all my life, and certainly concur with all the reasons given above as to why I sing (except perhaps that "chicks dig it." :-)) Let me add a few of my own reasons.

There is something glorious about how choir offers an interconnectedness to those with whom we are singing, to those listening, and to God, our Creator. I don't have enough fingers to count how many times on a Sunday morning the Spirit has lifted the choir and congregation in a way that needs to be felt to be believed. I offer you that opportunity. Even if you haven't sung in a choir since high school and kind of miss it, we welcome you with open arms. If you love to sing but don't think you have a "solo voice," we welcome you with open arms. If you think you are too busy (and I can appreciate that), we welcome you with open arms to give it a try and see if the rewards are worth the sacrifice. If you are looking for a way to serve our Creator, to make a joyful noise and have a good time, we welcome you with open arms. Wednesday evenings, from 7:00 - 8:30.

Minister of Music at St. John's, Paul Reese, has been with us for almost one full year. He truly is a minister of music - leading us, teaching us, helping us reach our potential. Oh yes, he makes us laugh and we make him laugh, too. Choir practice is often a rollicking good time. Paul is offering an opportunity this Summer for anyone in the congregation to come early one Sunday morning to practice an anthem to sing at the 10:15 service. That date is to be determined, so watch for an announcement in the bulletin.

Honestly, we would love to grow the choir. Please give it some thought and prayer. Talk to any choir member. We know you are out there. We hear you every Sunday as we process out.

May God continue to bless us as we discover and use our gifts in this wonderful and crazy community: the Church.

Sue Zuke, Happy Singer

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.



*Abbie Asplin
Ron Barton
Nelson Craige
Faith D'Urbano
Rachel Fetterman
Linda Frederiksen
Joan Lahr
Amanda Liljedahl
Darryl Louder
Kyle Louder
Ruth McDivitt
Robert Melzer
Cynthia Minnich
Kristine Neitz
Christian & Jonathan Stigelman
Doris Tankesley
Leeton Thomas
Judy Tighe
Bridgette & Chad*

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.

*Brian Hobbins, Laurel Hobbins,
John Humphreys, Matthew James,
Howard Kane, III, Alex Kelly, Kyle Kulka,
Shelley Leister, Thomas Leister,
Joseph Lombardo, Nicholas Lombardo,
Sean McCormick, Jamie Olejniczak,
John S. Waltz, Joshua Watkins*

GROCERY CARDS

Total sales for May gave \$373 to Jubilee. This is the lowest sales month for 2013. We need to reverse this trend and start back up again for June. I know we can do it!

Our regular buyers are doing an excellent job but we need more of you to participate. Everyone has to eat something. Let's make purchasing grocery cards the "in" thing to do!

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.

Submitted by, *Cynthia Minnich*

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

JULY BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Amey, Andrea	1
Archer, The Rev A William	5
Blevins, Susan	9
Brown, Doug	12
Brown, Jean	28
Brown, Margaret	15
Bush, Fred	3
Clark, Foster	29
Craige, Nelson	8
Davis, Paul	5
Di Pace, Nick	31
Ehrhart, Toni	8
Freeman, Aidan	3
Gbur, David	14
Glazier, James	24
Gouveia, Fran	12
Hansel, Grant	25
Hansel, Joan	20
Hasircoglu, Selena	9
Heider, Max	22
Hurlburt, Sue	21
Jackson, Sandra	19
Keller, Ellen	10
Landis, Dale	2
Lawrence, Fritz	26
Meikrantz, Marlee	16
Moffatt, Emily	30
Myers, Lorraine	14
Nolan, Lorraine	5
Ogwang, Sharon	26
Rich, Barbara	3
Snyder, Hallie	26
Tobie, Sue	9
Way, Campbell	2



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Carroll, Andrew & Anne	07/25/2000
Di Pace, Nick & Karen	07/15/1995
Fields, Bob & Amy	07/17/1971
Hollinger, Jason & Amy	07/16/2005
Largent, Karen & Todd	07/02/2006
Lovett, Don & Ann	07/25/1953
Morgan, Bruce & Leslie	07/04/1998
Novosel, Peter & Linda (Shore)	07/15/2006



THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT
ARTICLES FOR THE
AUGUST MESSENGER
IS
JULY 15, 2013

SERVING SCHEDULE – JULY, 2013

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!"*

JULY 7	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Laurie Eaton	Karin Bleecker, Sue Purdy
Eucharistic Visitor	—	Karen Latshaw, Sue Martin Fred & Eleanor Honaman
Lector	Bob Lee	Jeannie Zeller
Server	Joanie Kilhefner	Emma DiPace
Torch Bearer	—	Conor Brenton, Danielle DiPace
Crucifer	—	Dave Pennell
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Bell Ringer	—	Aaron Hasircoglu
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	—	Brad Zuke
Coffee Hour / Lemonade	Zuke Family	Glenn Miller
Nursery	—	<i>To Be Determined!</i>

JULY14	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	James Glazier	Brad Moyer, Sibyl Freeman
Eucharistic Visitor	Stephanie McGovern	—
Lector	Sue Tobie	Joel Cliff
Server	—	Aidan Cliff
Torch Bearer	—	James Woolson, Michael Hreben
Crucifer	—	Glenn Miller
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Bell Ringer	—	David Kilp
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team B
Greeter	—	Peter Novosel
Coffee Hour / Lemonade	Sue Heilman	Sue Heilman
Nursery	—	Katie Mausolf

JULY 21	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Ricky Smith	Judy Arnold, Michael Stank
Eucharistic Visitor	—	Peter Novosel, Fred & Eleanor Honaman
Lector	Fred Bush	Fran Gouveia
Server	Joanie Kilhefner	Dylan Stone
Torch Bearer	—	Kylie Stone, Max Lester
Crucifer	—	David Kilp
Altar Guild	Team 4	Team 4
Bell Ringer	—	Brooks Morgan
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team C
Greeter	—	Bruce Waskowicz
Coffee Hour / Lemonade	Latshaw Family	Debbie Carter & Bill Cater
Nursery	—	Mary Waskowicz

JULY 28	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Peter Eaton	Barbara McGraw, Peter Novosel
Eucharistic Visitor	—	Joanne Sweeney, C. Weaver-Gelzer
Lector	Laurie Eaton	Paula Wolf
Server	—	Brooks Morgan
Torch Bearer	—	Tierza Mendez, Kendall Morgan
Crucifer	—	Garth Alexander
Altar Guild	Team 5	Team 5
Bell Ringer	—	Lorraine Nolan
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team D
Greeter	—	Carolyn Maxey
Coffee Hour / Lemonade	Brenton Family	Toni Ehrhart, Lynn Hayford, Lorraine Nolan, Judy Tighe
Nursery	—	Jan Hreben

AUGUST 4	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Merle Schnee	David Dissinger, Sue Purdy
Eucharistic Visitor	—	Don Durand, Fred & Eleanor Honaman
Lector	Ricky Smith	Tom Bond
Server	Joanie Kilhefner	Amelia Dissinger
Torch Bearer	—	Danielle DiPace, Emma DiPace
Crucifer	—	Adam Kilp
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Bell Ringer	—	Lorraine Nolan
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	—	Brad Zuke
Coffee Hour / Lemonade	Lester Family	Lester Family
Nursery	—	Tracy Cliff

JULY 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 6TH SUN AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00 AM Coffee Hour & Knitters (PH) 9:15 AM - 10:00 AM VBS Workshop (Aud) 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II 11:30 AM Lemonade Time	1 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM VA (AP) 7:00 PM Property Committee (BH) 7:30 PM Ministries Council (2nd FL BH)	2 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Spiritus (PH) 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Martha's Ministry (PH) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM AA (AP)	3 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 12:05 PM Holy Eucharist/Healing Service	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY Office Closed 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM St Augustine (AP)	5 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP)	6
7 7th SUN AFTER PENTECOST VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00 AM Coffee Hour & Knitters (PH) 9:15 AM - 10:00 AM VBS Workshop (Aud) 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II 11:30 AM Lemonade Time 5:00 PM VBS Supper & Registration (PH)	8 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 5:45 PM VBS Sign-In 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM VA (AP) 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM VBS Class (PH) 7:00 PM Executive Committee (BH)	9 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Martha's Ministry (PH) 5:45 PM VBS Sign-In 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM AA (AP) 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM VBS Class (PH)	10 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 12:05 PM Holy Eucharist/Healing Service 5:45 PM VBS Sign-In 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM VBS Class (PH)	11 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 5:45 PM VBS Sign-In 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM VBS Class (PH) 7:00 PM Finance Committee (BH) 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM St Augustine (AP)	12 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP)	13 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Blueberry Festival & Concert (Clyard)
14 8TH SUN AFTER PENTECOST VBS SUNDAY 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00 AM Coffee Hour & Knitters (PH) 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II 11:30 AM Lemonade Time	15 Jennifer-Vac MESSENGER DEADLINE 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM VA (AP) 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting (PH)	16 Jennifer-Vac 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Martha's Ministry (PH) 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Building Hope (PH) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM AA (AP)	17 Jennifer-Vac 10:00 AM Homestead Eucharist 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 12:05 PM Holy Eucharist/Healing Service	18 Jennifer-Vac 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM St Augustine (AP)	19 Jennifer-Vac 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP)	20 Jennifer-Vac 7:30 AM St. John's Serves Breakfast @ 1st Reformed
21 9th SUN AFTER PENTECOST Jennifer-Vac 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00 AM Coffee Hour & Knitters (PH) 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II 11:30 AM Lemonade Time	22 Jennifer-Vac 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM VA (AP)	23 Fr. John-Continuing Ed 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Martha's Ministry (PH) 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Building Hope (PH) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM AA (AP)	24 Fr. John-Continuing Ed 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 12:05 PM Holy Eucharist/Healing Service 7:30 PM Handbell Workshop (Choir Rm)	25 Fr. John-Continuing Ed 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM St Augustine (AP)	26 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP)	27
28 10TH SUN AFTER PENTECOST Birthdays & Anniversaries 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00 AM Coffee Hour & Knitters (PH) 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II 11:30 AM Lemonade Time	29 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM VA (AP)	30 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Martha's Ministry (PH) 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Building Hope (PH) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM AA (AP)	31 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 12:05 PM Holy Eucharist/Healing Service	1 7:00 PM Worship Committee (2nd FL BH) 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM St Augustine (AP)	2 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP)	3