



St. John's Messenger

November, 2013

from Fr. John W. Morris, Rector

160th ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

On Sunday, November 10th we will gather from 9:15 to 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall to elect new members to the vestry and to hear four important reports:

2013 FINANCIAL REPORT- Charley Braught, our vestry Finance Steward, will review income and expenses to date including the status of our Restricted Accounts and Endowment Fund. He will also offer a preliminary assessment of the work of Financial Advisor who guiding us to achieve conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Practices (GAAP).

STEWARDSHIP REPORT – Debbie Carter, vestry Stewardship Steward, will offer the latest statement of our pledges for 2014. She will also report on the Stewardship Committee plans for a more comprehensive approach to our ministry of Stewardship

2014 BUDGET REPORT – Charley Braught will again take the microphone, this time to present our projections for our income and expenses in the coming year.

COURTYARD COMMITTEE REPORT – Doug Brown, vestry Courtyard Steward, has been leading the effort to up grade our facilities based on the priorities identified by the parish in the 2011 Property Survey – handicap access, courtyard repair, columbarium expansion and labyrinth installation. Additionally, Doug and his committee have been researching strategies for storm water management. Doug will give a summary of the committee's progress and their recommendations to the vestry as to how to move forward.

We will also act to elect the newest members to our vestry. Lois Kelley, Chair of the Nominating Committee, will present the slate of four candidates: **CHARLEY BRAUGHT, TONI EHRHART, LESLIE MORGAN,** and **MARYLEE SAUDER.** Lois and the other members of the committee – Bob Kilp, Sue Heilman, John Herzog and Bruce Morgan – have worked diligently to seek out candidates who are both qualified and willing to serve. According to our By-Laws, the Nominating Committee is charged with proposing a slate that equals the number of vacancies. Nominations from the floor will be invited. Should there be no additional nominations, the slate of candidates will be elected by the acclamation of the congregation.

In lieu of the sermon at the 8:00 and 10:15 AM services, I will offer a State of the Parish message with my assessment of the progress of our ministries and a view of our mission for the future.

On November 10th, come hear the Good News of all that the Holy Spirit is doing at your church.

John+

MDG CHALLENGES FOR NOVEMBER

November - Thanksgiving! "Thanks - Giving"

Think about it - Two actions we are "called" to participate in:

"Thanks" - Being actively grateful, every single minute of every single day,
for the wealth of blessings around us.

"Giving" - Researching and responding *actively*, each day
to ways we can assist our brothers and sisters, near and far
as part of God's family, in their needs for food, education and safety
so they can also experience a sense of "Thanks - Giving".

MDG Challenge for November 3rd All Saint's Day

This week take time to remember and be thankful for those who have graced us with their presence in our lives. Share their stories, feel their presence and all that they have given to us.

MDG Challenge for November 10th Veteran's Day Monday, 11th

"Make us to choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong and never to be content with a half truth when the whole can be won."

From the Cadet Prayer, U.S. Military Academy

Prayers for those serving in the military and those who have served in the past.
May they feel our caring and appreciation and experience a sense of peace.

MDG Challenge for November 17th

While expressing "thanks" and considering what you might be "giving" for the coming season, seriously consider the gifts you could purchase at the Gifts that Give Hope Fair on Saturday, the 23rd from 10-4pm at the Lancaster Farm and Home Center.

That choice would carry your caring to your recipient but also would carry your caring to those creating a new life.

MDG Challenge for November 24th Thanksgiving

As you sit with family and friends in giving thanks for their presence this week, never forget that the smallest sharing of food weekly for those coming to St. John's Food Bank could make all the difference in their health and well-being.

Hebrews 13:16 - "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."

Remember - Even those not directly sitting at your table are also family.

THE REV. JENNIFER E. LOOKER

Thanksgiving is just around the corner.... and with it, the Thanksgiving Eve service. We will gather this year at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, and if you haven't had the chance to experience this service yet, I highly encourage you to come. There is something about the act of gathering together in community as a way of giving thanks that sets the tone of Thanksgiving. There is something about worshipping in a different space with different denominations and church traditions that inspires a sense of larger unity and purpose.

St. John's has a long history of being in community with our neighbors, the city and the larger church. Members of St. John's serve food on the 3rd Saturday of every month for community breakfast. At-risk teens are welcomed and encouraged every Tuesday night for Building Hope at St. John's; an ecumenical partnership between teens at Lancaster Catholic High School and our Jubilee ministry. Children from Fulton Elementary School are provided nurturing morning and afternoon care in neighborhood churches, including St. John's via the Eagles Nest program. The Betty Finney AIDS memorial garden in Linear Park is maintained and cared for because of community partnerships.

Members from a variety of local churches and denominations come to St. John's every month for Popcorn theology, an opportunity to reflect on a movie with theological substance. ECW members (and friends!) have helped host a Lenten luncheon for the Northwest Cluster Lenten series every year. ECW members have also sponsored the Angel Tree ministry every year, a ministry that reaches out to children in the larger community. And perhaps most recently, our MDG ministry has helped organize a "Soles for Souls" shoe drive that has been widely supported by the neighborhood and larger community.

Ecumenical partnerships and relationships are a vital part of what your clergy do as well. This is particularly true of the Northwest cluster, an ecumenical group that meets on the first Monday of every month. The group includes clergy and lay leaders from churches in the Northwest part of the city. We work together on a number of initiatives, including CROP walk, worshipping together on Thanksgiving Eve and hosting an annual Lenten lunch and worship series. I recently agreed to serve as the group's coordinator, and Fr. John has been instrumental in encouraging the Northwest cluster to fellowship with downtown pastors and support initiatives from the Council of Churches.

In addition to the Northwest cluster, I regularly meet with a group of pastors under the age of 40 every month for fellowship, prayer and community. We gather at St. John's for lunch on the first Tuesday of the month. The group currently includes pastors from the Mennonite Church, United Church of Christ, and the Episcopal Church, with an invitation list that will continue to broaden our membership. It is a great way to connect with other young pastors and share resources and support.

I also belong to an ecumenical clergy colleague group hosted by the Samaritan Counseling Center. The Rev. Dr. John Emmert is the group facilitator. I have met with this group twice a month regularly for the past three years. It has been a vitally important way for me to stay healthy in my ministry. Having the opportunity to intentionally reflect on ministry in a safe, structured community makes all the difference; particularly given the ecumenical nature of the group, which provides a wide array of perspectives and denominational points of view.

In part because of the relationships we have developed in these groups, Fr. John and I have both been invited to participate in other ecumenical ministries and gatherings. Fr. John was instrumental in the Inner-City Pastor's Initiative, working to build relationships between city pastors and city police, particularly around the issue of teens and adults struggling with addictions.

THE REV. JENNIFER E. LOOKER (CONTINUED)

He is currently the President of the Lancaster Council of Churches, and is personally overseeing their capital campaign. He is also actively involved in a group of local pastors attempting to address the question “How do we welcome and include the next generation in our church?” He served on the planning board for a recent conference that brought together teens and pastors called “Generation 2 Generation”, in which teens- including our very own Joanie Kilhefner and John Waskowicz- were invited to talk to and with local clergy.

I currently serve on the planning board for the Lancaster Regional Prayer Conference, an ecumenical prayer gathering for clergy and lay leaders in Lancaster County. The intent of this gathering is to invite leaders from mainline and non-traditional churches to come together for the purpose of prayer. I was invited to help plan and lead the worship. I worked with a local praise band to offer a mix of contemporary, traditional and everything in between. The next gathering will be held at Bright Side Baptist and will feature worship elements from African-American traditions.

The commitment to ecumenical partnerships and relationships is vitally important. It is a gift that keeps on giving. It keeps us healthy while contributing to the larger well being of the community. It’s like that old classic song: we are one in the Spirit, and the more we share in ministry, the more likely we will be known by our love.

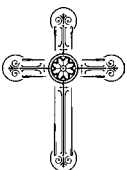
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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING & PARISH DIRECTORY

November 10, 2013

Please plan to attend our annual parish meeting to be held on Sunday, **November 10, 2013** beginning at **9:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall**. The new 2013-2014 parish directories will be available for distribution on this day. After November 10th, directory copies will be located in the Parish Hall (*one per family please*). If you are unable to travel to church and would like to receive a directory, please contact our Parish Secretary, Patti Means, at 717-299-1188.

DEACON PRISCILLA GINOLFI



We give thanks with Deacon Priscilla Ginolfi on her new appointment by Bishop Baxter to serve at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Manheim. Pa.

VESTRY'S WARDEN

In the "Vestry Resolutions" section of the October *Messenger*, one of the resolutions had to do with St. John's Wardens and has raised some questions. It read as follows (a bit condensed):

--The Vestry shall consist of twelve (12) elected Members, and the Officers of the Vestry. In the absence of the Rector, the Vestry's Warden shall preside at meetings of the Vestry.

Amendment: In the absence of the Rector, the *Sr. Warden* shall preside at meetings of the Vestry.

--The Officers of the Vestry shall be: the Rector, the Rector's Warden who is appointed by the Rector, the Vestry's Warden, the Secretary to the Vestry, and the Treasurer, the last three of whom shall be elected yearly by the Vestry.

Amendment: The Officers of the Vestry shall be: the Rector, *the Sr. Warden, the Jr. Warden*, the Secretary to the Vestry, and the Treasurer. *The lay officers shall be elected yearly by the Vestry. The Sr. and Jr. Wardens shall be elected from the twelve elected Members of the Vestry.*

--The Rector shall appoint a Rector's Warden from among the members of the Parish. **Amendment:** Delete: *The Rector shall appoint a Rector's Warden from among the members of the Parish.*

So what is the significance of these changes? Three things can be noted.

First, there is a change in terminology; "Rector's Warden" becomes "Sr. Warden" and "Vestry's Warden" becomes "Jr. Warden." The responsibilities of these two positions will undergo some modification but will remain essentially the same. This change will bring us into line with the terminology that is being used throughout the denomination, as seen, for example, in an Oct. 7th "Special Message, Diocese of Central Pennsylvania: Attention Clergy, *Senior Wardens* and Treasurers." (italics mine)

Second, both Wardens will be full members of the Vestry with voice and vote (the Rector's Warden currently has no vote), and they will be elected by the Vestry from Vestry members. As a result, all the members of the Vestry will be elected by members of the congregation.

Third, this new arrangement dovetails nicely with a new approach that the Nominating Committee hopes to adopt. In the past, the Committee has for the most part attempted to identify gifted individuals and encourage them to stand for election to Vestry. Now, in addition to *identifying* potential leaders, the Committee wants to develop a plan to *grow* leadership qualities in gifted Parish members. This will include enlisting people who are already active in some phase of our ministries to identify leadership potential in their colleagues and encourage its development. The Nominating Committee will support this process and facilitate the movement to the Vestry via Parish elections. On the Vestry itself, the assignment to the varied Stewardships is brought about by a discernment process that would also include the identification of Junior and Senior Wardens. In this way, the selection of our Parish's leadership becomes less a matter of finding Vestry candidates and more an organic process of discerning and developing leadership throughout our whole ministry structure. Restructuring our Warden positions fits this.

Submitted by,

John Herzog
Vestry's Warden

VESTRY ELECTIONS

Vestry Elections at St. John's - November 10, 2013

As part of the Fall Annual Parish Meeting on November 10, the St. John's congregation will elect four (4) new members to the Vestry to fill positions vacated by those whose three-year term of service is completed. These candidates are listed below with a brief biographic sketch of each.

Marylee S. Sauder is a native of Philadelphia and lives in Lancaster Township with her husband, Rick, and their 18-year-old daughter, Maria. The couple's older daughter, Nicole, is a first-year graduate student at UCLA. After graduating from the University of Delaware, Marylee worked as a reporter at the *Intelligencer Journal*, then as an editor at the *Richmond (Va.) Times-Dispatch*, before starting a corporate writing business in 1994. At St. John's, Marylee is on Altar Guild and the MDG Committee, and was recently appointed to fill an unexpired position on the Vestry. She also is an active volunteer at the YWCA Lancaster. She is thrilled to have found St. John's, which she and Maria have been attending since December 2010.

Leslie T. Morgan has been a member of St. John's Episcopal Church since 1998 when she and her husband, Bruce, were married here. Prior to coming to St. John's Lancaster, she was a member of St. John's Compass, where she was confirmed by Father Robert Lorenz. As an elementary school teacher by vocation, Leslie has volunteered as a Sunday School teacher and more recently as a youth leader with the J2A program. She is a supporter of St. John's outreach programs and education. Leslie lives in Lititz with her husband Bruce and her children, Brooks and Kendall.

Antionette V. Ehrhart (Toni) was a long-time member of St. James Episcopal Church but has, for the past four years, been attending St. John's, which she now considers her church home. A 1953 graduate of McCaskey High School (along with classmate Heber Becker), she worked at LGH for thirty two years before retiring in 1997. She has lived in Lititz with her daughter, Denise, subsequent to her husband's death in 2009. Another daughter, Antoinette, lives in Landisville. At St. John's, Toni has served on the Altar Guild for the past three months. She enjoys reading and baking, and loves animals.

Charles F. Braught, Jr. moved back to Lancaster County after more than sixteen years living in Oregon and Georgia as a result of work-related transfers. A cradle Episcopalian, Charley was baptized in St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Mt Joy and later confirmed here at St. John's. He sang in the St. John's boys' choir in the late 1950's and early 1960's. His wife, Linda, and he were married at St. John's, and their three sons, Charles III, John and David, were baptized here. From the late 1970s until the mid-1980s, he served as the church's treasurer and as an usher at Sunday services. With accounting and finance degrees from York College, Colorado State University and Temple University, Charley filled executive and managerial positions in the areas of operational and financial management for thirty-five years, in several corporations ranging from small, entrepreneurial enterprises to Fortune 500 companies. Since "retiring" earlier this year, he offers advisory and problem-solving services to businesses from his home in Pequea. He was recently appointed to fill an unexpired position on St. John's Vestry.

Submitted by,

John Herzog
Vestry's Warden

VESTRY RESOLUTIONS

1. **Courtyard Design Funding** – Resolved The Vestry recognizes the need to complete the design for the courtyard which included the recommended storm water management system in order to obtain a decision from the city of Lancaster regarding the funding of the project by the city. Therefore, the Vestry approves the use of \$2500 from the Labyrinth Restricted account to pay RGS Architects for the completion of the design. Question called by John Herzog. Resolution approved.
2. **2014 Diocesan Fairshare** – Resolved, that the Vestry of St. John’s Episcopal Church, Lancaster, hereby certify that this 2014 Fairshare Pledge of \$50,000 is made on behalf of our congregation; and that it is our intention to pay this pledge for Fairshare on an equal monthly basis. And be it further resolved, that the 2014 Fairshare Pledge represents a tithe of our anticipated annual operating revenue for the coming year. Question called by Sue Heilman. Resolution approved.
3. **Fund Raising Policy** – Resolved, that the St. John’s Vestry adopts the following statement of policy and procedure regarding the solicitation of the congregation for financial or charitable support:

Fund Raising Activities

Policy: As the Vestry of St. John’s Church, Lancaster, is by the Canons of the Episcopal Church, the sole elected fiscal agents of the parish and thereby legally tasked with the exclusive responsibility for authorizing any and all fund raising events or any other solicitations of its members for financial or charitable support. It is likewise solely authorized to approve the disbursement of any and all parish funds either through the approval of an expense specified in an annual budget or by approving a resolution for a specific expense.
Procedure: Prior to the start of any solicitations of the parish membership for money for any fund raising project approval of the project/activity must be obtained from the Vestry in the following manner:

1. The Vestry Steward for the organization must be requested to submit a resolution for the fund raising activity. IF the Vestry Steward is not available, then the request should be made to any member of the Executive Committee.
2. The request for approval must include:
 - o Requesting organization
 - o Purpose of the fund raising activity
 - o Time period for the fund raising activity
3. The Vestry Steward will submit the resolution in writing to the Executive Committee prior to the 2nd Monday of the month.
4. The Executive Committee review will result in one of the following actions:
 - o The resolution will be either returned to the Vestry Steward for clarification or rewriting.
 - o The Resolution will be placed on the next Vestry agenda with the support of the Committee. This action will not require a Vestry second prior to any action by the Vestry.
5. Approval by the Vestry will authorize the organization to perform the requested fund raising activity and authorize the Financial Secretary to establish the necessary accounts within the accounting system. Question called by Glenn Miller. Second by Sue Heilman. Resolution approved.
4. **Feasibility Committee** - Resolved, the Vestry of St. John’s approved the establishment of a Feasibility Committee for the purpose of determining a potential goal for a capital campaign. Question called by John Herzog. Resolution approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

We have now closed the books on the 3rd quarter of our fiscal year and as is often the case, I have good news and not-so-good news to report. First the less good news, the pledged contributions were lower than budgeted. As seen below the monthly contributions were only 86.5% of the target budget level. This resulted in the year-to-date contributions being 87% of the target budget number. The monthly shortfall was particularly disappointing when one realizes that September had five Sundays. Fortunately, the non-pledged contributions remained strong and continue to exceed expectations, but are not enough to make up the large pledged contribution shortfall. To ensure that we had sufficient cash on hand to pay all bills, the 4th quarter draw on investment income was taken at the beginning of October.

On the good news side of the ledger, our various ministries all continue to exercise excellent expense control. All but one ministry category is under budget. The one that is over is within an acceptable overage. The September and Year-to-Date numbers are as follows:

	September		Year-to-Date	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Pledged Contributions	\$24,724	\$28,583	\$224,040	\$257,250
Non-pledge Contributions	\$ 6,396	\$ 2,917	\$ 37,250	\$ 26,250
Total Income all Sources	\$41,467	\$43,543	\$397,709	\$436,890
Total Expenses	\$53,054	\$59,888	\$456,572	\$525,042

If you have not received your 3rd Quarter Contributions Statement, it should be arriving soon. Please review it and let the Financial Secretary, Barb Baker, know of any issues. She can be reached Monday and Tuesday at the church office.

Steve Latshaw, Treasurer

DIOCESAN TRAINING DAY

A Program of the School of Christian Studies

THRIVE

(Theological Hope to Renew & Invigorate Episcopalians)

**Saturday, December 7, 2013 at
St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 301 St. Thomas Road, Lancaster, PA**

Keynote: "An Outrageous Romp Through the Bible"

- * Lay Eucharistic Certification
- * The Ministry of Morning Prayer
- * Approaching the Gospels Together
- * Becoming a Jubilee Parish
- * Parish Administration Challenges
- * What is a Parochial Report?
- * Resources on the Diocesan Website (Where are they?)

To review the schedule, workshop descriptions, and presenter biographies online: <http://st-thomas-lancaster.diocpa.org/> Register online now at www.diocesepa.org. \$20.00 Per Person, Includes Lunch.

UNITED THANK OFFERING FALL INGATHERING

Dear Member of St. John's Family,

Our Fall Ingathering for the United Thank Offering will be Sunday, November 24. At this time of year we naturally are already thinking about all the things we are so thankful for. It is a time of reflection and giving thanks.



*Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and
cometh down from the Father of lights, ...*
--James 1:17

Sharing our thankfulness by supporting UTO is a way we can continue to have our blessings multiply and in turn help many who are hungry or in need through UTO grant programs worldwide. I know you will give this your prayerful thought and then join with me on Sunday, November 24 to say "thank you, God."

Sincerely,

Phyllis M. Gbur
UTO Coordinator

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Pledges for 2014

Your Stewardship Team is pleased to share that we have received 111 pledges for a total of \$264,117 (an average pledge of over \$2,400). We are about 70% of the way to our budgeted goal of \$360,000, and we are encouraged that about half of the pledges received are either first-time pledges or increases from the previous year.

If you have not yet submitted your pledge, please do so as soon as you can. We're counting on you!

Additional pledge cards are available in the back of the church, or you may contact Patti at the church office (717-299-1188 or patti@stjohns-lancaster.org) to have a pledge card mailed to you. You may mail your pledge card to the church office in the envelope provided or place it in the offering plate.

Submitted by,

Debbie Carter
Vestry Steward for Stewardship

ST. JOHN'S VETERANS



On **Sunday, November 10, 2013**, we will honor our St. John's Veterans with a display in the Parish Hall. Please plan to attend the annual Parish Meeting at 9:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall and take time to pause at the Veterans display and reflect on those who served. See the following story about parishioner Ken Smith that appeared in "50 Plus Senior News".

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE (10)

Barton, Ronald E.
Bentley, Darlene A.
Carter, William C. (Deceased)
Gouveia, John
Graeter, Timothy J.
Landis, Dale T.
Miller, Edwin A.
Myers, John A. (Deceased)
Stank, Michael J.
Yackley, Paul L. (Deceased)

Paul Yackley served in the Air Force and Army.

UNITED STATES ARMY (16)

Barbieri, Salvatore A.
Breitegan, James V., Sr.
Crothers, James L.
Falk, Richard L. (Deceased)
Heist, William C. (Deceased)
Honaman, William F.
Martin, Amos F. (Deceased)
McDivitt, Robert E. (Deceased)
Miller, John E.
Minnich, Albert B. (Deceased)
Moyer, George W. (Deceased)
Nemith, Michael J., Jr. (Deceased)
Schnee Merle T.
Strickler, L. Kent
Williams, John J. (Deceased)
Yackley, Paul L. (Deceased)

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS (8)

Brought, Charles F., III
Breitegan, James V., Sr.
Brought, Robert J. (Deceased)
Lord, Arthur C. (Deceased)
Means, Allen L.
Miller, William K., III
Snyder, Abner (Deceased)
Todd, Jere L. (Deceased)

Jim Breitegan served in the Marine Corps and the Army.

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD (2)

Bush, Frederick S.
Rahe, Charles H., II

UNITED STATES NAVY (9)

Alexander, Charles E.
Becker, Philip H.
Emmert, The Rev. John H.
Johnson, Cricket A.
Kilhefner, Michael A.
Kilp, Robert L.
Smith, David M. (Deceased)
Smith, Kenneth A.
Tighe, George M. (Deceased)

Salute to a Veteran: In the Iraq War, He Flew the First 250 Marines Home

KENNETH A. SMITH



The Douglas A-4 Skyhawk that Lt. Smith flew in the U.S. Navy.

Kenneth Smith's family had a military tradition.

His father had been a machinist's mate on an LST in World War II and had survived drifting in the Pacific for three months after a Japanese attack had disabled his LST's power and communications.

His much-decorated Irish grandfather had earned the French Legion of Honor and the Croix de Guerre for extraordinary valor and extreme heroism in battle during the bloody Battle of the Somme during World War I, where the British force had suffered 60,000 casualties on the very first day of the battle.

So it seemed quite natural for Smith to join the military as well. He had entered Millersville University in the fall of 1969 and then transferred to the University of Houston, where he graduated with a BS in civil engineering and construction technology in 1975.

He had enlisted in the Navy officers program in 1974 while still in school and attended the Naval Aviation Officer Candidate School (AOCS). Upon graduation, he was commissioned as an ensign.

He earned his coveted "Navy Wings of Gold" at Pensacola in 1977 and was soon flying the Douglas A-4 Skyhawk, a 675 mph jet fighter. He still thinks admiringly of that particular aircraft.

KENNETH A. SMITH (CONTINUED)



Grinning, he says, “You could barely touch the stick, and it would snap roll. It was any fighter pilot’s dream of an airplane.”

After flying a number of different kinds of jets and making 785 carrier landings, he left the Navy as a lieutenant in 1985. He was then hired by American Airlines and flew the Boeing 727.

That led to his becoming a captain and spending nine years flying Boeing 767s to major cities around the world.

He had stayed in the Naval Reserve and, in August of 1990, he was recalled during the Gulf War. He flew American troops to many hotspots around the globe. He remembers once flying to Izmir, Turkey, where he picked up Seal Team 6, which became world-famous years later when they killed Osama bin Laden.

His airplane was a McDonnell-Douglas C-9B with a female flight attendant. Smith says that they had some difficulty with the Turks before they were cleared to leave.

And, when they straightened that out, he says he told the flight attendant that he had good news and bad news. The good news was that the Turks had cleared them to leave, but the bad news was that he had had to agree to sell her to them.

Smiling at the memory, he says, “She didn’t seem to feel that that was so funny.”

The Seal Team 6 that they picked up was returning from a clandestine mission, and he returned them to a training base in Scotland. He retired from the Navy Reserve in 1994 as a lieutenant commander and returned to American Airlines.

In 2005, he retired from American and moved with his wife to Ireland, where they bought a home in the same village where his grandfather had grown up.

It was there that he learned of North American Airlines, a company that flew military charter flights on Boeing 757 and 767 aircraft. It was a perfect fit for him, and in 2007 he joined the company.

Shortly after taking office for his first term, President Obama had promised to bring all American combat forces home from the War in Iraq by Dec. 31, 2010. He set a goal to return the first 30,000 troops in the month of August. And North American was picked to start the process.

Some pilots were wary of flying to Iraq, intimidated by the real possibility of being shot down by insurgents armed with shoulder-firing missiles. But Smith agreed to go, flying a Boeing 767 on the contract flight that flew the first 250 Marines back to the U.S.

Had it been a nonstop flight?

KENNETH A. SMITH (CONTINUED)

“Not really,” he says. “The 767 could have made the 14-hour flight nonstop, but it was a civilian airplane without in-flight fueling capability, so it was prudent for us to make one refueling stop at a friendly country en route.”

Another factor that made flight in Iraq difficult was the constant heat. The hotter air is, the less lift it offers to aircraft. Jets like the ones he flew were red-lined at 120 degrees, and temperatures of 105 were routine in Iraq.

He and his co-pilot were responsible for planning the routes through which later flight could enter and exit Iraq with reasonable safety. That made further flights routine.

And that, in turn, made possible the airlifting of all 30,000 troops, as promised. By 2010, Smith had flown hundreds of flights for North American, not only to Iraq, but often also delivering troops to many other locations around the globe.

After retiring in the fall of 2010, he and his wife returned to Central Pennsylvania to live. He had known the area, of course, from his college days at Millersville, and he says he just could not picture a more perfect place to spend his retirement years.

Colonel Wilcox flew a B-17 bomber in Europe in World War II.

POPCORN THEOLOGY

“Beasts of the Southern Wild”

Friday, November 8th—7:00 p.m.—Parish Hall

In a forgotten but defiant bayou community cut off from the rest of the world by a sprawling levee, a six year-old girl, Hushpuppy, exists on the brink of orphanhood. Buoyed by her childish optimism and extraordinary imagination, she believes that the natural order is in balance with the universe until a fierce storm changes her reality. Desperate to repair the structure of her world in order to save her ailing father and sinking home, this tiny hero must learn to survive unstoppable catastrophes of epic proportions. *Beasts of the Southern Wild* is the four-time Academy Award nominated feature debut from director Benh Zeitlin and his filmmaking family, Court 13 Films, starring newcomers Quvenzhané Wallis and Dwight Henry.

Questions? Please contact John Herzog.

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 **November 2013—January, 2014**. The blank areas remain available. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

SUNDAY DATE	(1)	(2)
NOVEMBER 3	Betty Juslin-Asplin	Allie Carpenter
NOVEMBER 10	Dave & Sue Martin	Kilp Family
NOVEMBER 17	Dan & Priscilla Farmer	
NOVEMBER 24	Patti Means	
DECEMBER 1		
DECEMBER 8		
DECEMBER 15		
DECEMBER 22		
DECEMBER 29		
JANUARY 5		
JANUARY 12	Anita Bowers	
JANUARY 19		
JANUARY 26		

ALL LANCASTER EPISCOPAL RESPONSE TEAM

The All Lancaster Episcopal Response Team (A.L.E.R.T.) event that was scheduled for Saturday, October 12th, was cancelled due to inclement weather and local flooding. As a result, it was decided that the participating Lancaster Convocation churches would schedule their own groups of workers to visit the homes of people needing work completed (14 sites were completed).

Thanks to Mike Gbur, Bill Gross, and Dave & Sue Martin who participated from St. John's. Originally, the A.L.E.R.T. event was to include a pre-work day morning prayer with a Eucharist at St. John's, and a meal to end the day's activities. The A.L.E.R.T. Committee will be planning a similar event in the spring of 2014 and we encourage everyone to volunteer for this ministry as we work together to help others in need.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School News

Karen DiPace, Sunday School Director

We hope a lot of you were able to participate in the fall events this past month, including the corn maze and the crop walk! Coming up this month, we will have the “Battle of the All Saints” on Sunday, November 3rd. We will also have our annual Advent Event on Sunday, November 24th. All ages are invited to join us for the festivities! Please look for our sign-up sheet coming soon and join us for the potluck lunch and many fun activities for the day!

November will also kick off our Fall Food Drive. Please help the church school children fill our Food Bank. The following weekly themes are suggested, but you are free to bring any non perishable items.

November 3:	Canned Tuna, Meat, Beans & Fruit
November 10:	Peanut Butter & Jelly
November 17:	‘Helpers’, Pasta Sauce, & Canned Soup (not packaged)
November 24:	Cereal & Canned Vegetables
December 1:	Bring what you want week!



HELP WANTED! - We are still looking for help with our ‘Gathering Time’. We need someone for 5 minutes of fun with kids! That’s right...only 5 minutes!! This can be anything the kids might enjoy to get the day started: music, dancing, exercise, share a special skill or talent, tell a great story, you name it! This would be from 9:00 a.m. to 9:05 a.m., just until our Minister of Music, Paul Reese, joins us for music with the kids.

We are looking for responsible adults to be “On Call” during Coffee Hour in the Nursery. You would need to check in at the Nursery during that time to see if there are any children. If there are no children, you are free to join Coffee Hour, just check back periodically in the Nursery. If you can help with either of these ministries, please let me or Pastor Jennifer know and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about our church school program.

Karen DiPace

Journey to Adulthood

Mary Ellen Kilp & Leslie Morgan, Co-Youth Directors

It was a dark and rainy night..... but that didn't stop our teens from finding their way out of a massive **corn maze** in late October. A group of hearty souls emerged triumphant after a mere 2 1/2 hours of path-finding through a thick maze of corn. Determination? Check. Team work? Check. A little competitive fun? Check. Oh wait- sound a little like..... football? As in the **Battle of All Saint football game**? Yes, folks. It's that time of the year. The Battle of All Saints football game will be held again at St. Thomas, on **Sunday, November 3rd, at 12:00 p.m.** Come for a bowl of homemade chili and sides, come for good, clean fun and the chance to build community..... but mostly come to defend our trophy!!!!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

And speaking of good times....Don't miss this year's annual **"Advent Event" on Sunday, November 24th**, during which everyone's favorite saint will hand out candy canes to all the good boys and girls. Enjoy a potluck lunch and get busy with wreath making, cookie decorating and college care package stuffing (amongst other activities!). A sign up sheet will be available in the parish hall- you don't want to miss this event! As always, we are asking for help with our **college care package ministry**. Please consider supporting this ministry by either donating candy/small goods or by mailing a package. Our college students love receiving these packages and being reminded of their St. John's "family"! Bring items to donate on the day of the Advent event and take home a package to mail later that day.

Love Christmas caroling? Join our teens and chancel choir members for **Christmas Caroling at Willow Valley on Sunday, December 15th, at 12:30 p.m.** Bring a lunch and meet in the parish hall. Carpooling will be available for those interested. And it's really hard to believe..... but it's time to start thinking about the **Christmas pageant**. Pastor Jennifer is always looking for teen and adult leadership to help support this event. Look for more information to come!

Youth Calendar of Events: 2013-2014

Nov 3	Battle of All Saints Football Game
Nov 24	Advent Event
Nov 29-1	Diocesan Family Advent Retreat/Camp Mount Luther
Dec 7	Fall Clean Up
Dec 15	Christmas Caroling
Dec 24	Christmas Eve w/ Pageant
Jan 19	MLK Concert
Jan 20	MLK Event
Jan 26	Convocation Bowling Event (night)
Feb 2	Youth and Scout Sunday
Feb 14-16	Happening
Feb 22	All Parish Retreat
Mar 4	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Mar 5	Ash Wednesday
Apr 17	Maundy Thursday Lock-In
Apr 18	Youth Good Friday Service
May 4	Graduation Sunday
June 1	Teacher Appreciation Sunday
June 8	Pentecost/Last Day of Classes/Parish Picnic
June	Diocesan Youth Conference/Camp Mount Luther
July 13-18	Vacation Bible School
July 19	Blueberry Festival

J2A Wreath Sale!

The J2A group will once again be selling Christmas wreaths from Good Harvest Farm in Strasburg as a fundraiser for their 2016 summer pilgrimage. Wreaths, pine roping, and poinsettias are just a few of the festive items that will be offered this year. Our J2A teens invite you to stop by their table in the Parish Hall to see samples of their sale items and to place your order. You can also complete the order form on the following page and return it to them with your check made payable to: ST. JOHN'S CHURCH and please reference **"J2A WREATH SALE"** on the memo line. Orders will be taken from November 3rd until November 24th and will be available for pick-up in the Parish Hall on Sunday, December 8th. Thank you for your support!

2013 J2A WREATH SALE
from GOOD HARVEST FARM & GREENHOUSE
MONEY RAISED FROM THIS SALE WILL HELP OUR J2A PILGRIMS!

QUANTITY	ITEM	COST	TOTALS
	22" WREATH (outside dimension)	\$17.00	
	28" WREATH (outside dimension)	\$25.00	
	CANDY CANE WREATH 22" (outside dimension)	\$30.00	
	POINSETTIA (5-7 red blooms/6.5" pot)	\$9.00	
	WINDOW SPRAY	\$13.00	
	CYCLAMEN (assorted colors)	\$10.00	
	WHITE PINE ROPING 25 YARD ROLL	\$35.00	
	TOTAL		

WREATHS AND WINDOW SPRAYS INCLUDE A WIRED, READY TO PLACE, VELVET BOW (NOT ATTACHED TO PREVENT CRUSHING) AND PINECONES

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

Include payment with your order: PAID: CHECK # _____ CASH _____

ALL ORDERS DUE SUNDAY, NOV. 24TH. --- PICKUP SUNDAY, DEC. 8TH

ITEMS TO BE PICKED UP:

WREATHS: 22" _____ 28" _____ CANDY CANE _____

POINSETTIA 6.5" POT _____

SPRAYS _____

ROPING _____

CYCLAMEN _____ TOTAL AMOUNT OWED: _____

MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Last month we reported our plans to offer programs and initiatives that our Parish can help in advancing two of the eight MDG goals this year: “Achieve universal primary education,” and “Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger around the world. We are looking to support Organizations and events that are working towards those two goals. We did not have to look far to find two local events that do just that, The Crop Walk and the Alternative Gift Fair.

“Gifts that Give Hope”, is an alternative gift fair being held November 23, from 10-4 at the Farm and Home center. The MDG committee is hosting a children’s station with fun activities regarding the MDG goals. Volunteers are still needed for any part of that day. More information will be posted on St John’s blog. In addition, one of our committee members Brad Zuke, will be present at the Fair hosting a table to promote an organization, “World Bicycle Relief” (more on this organization later)

The MDG committee was challenged this month, with the task to choose appropriate Organizations to support, which will promote the two goals chosen. Last year there were five organizations (remember the Brochure) that promoted opportunities to fight hunger and poverty. We considered Organizations that we as a Parish may establish some personal connection. While reviewing potential Organizations and their programs we find ourselves asking (as you may too), how can you work to achieve universal primary education without trying to eradicate poverty and hunger, promoting gender equality and empowering women, reducing child mortality, improving maternal health, combating HIV/AIDS and other diseases, ensuring environmental sustainability and without creating global partnerships for development? Take a breath and yes, that is all eight MDG goals and without nutrition, health, empowerment and partnerships how do we educate? Everything does affect everything else. Which made our job a little confusing but, we believe we chose Organizations that will work to support our two chosen goals. Some are familiar names as well as some new ones:

- **World Bicycle Relief**—this organization is working to “transform individuals and their communities through the Power of Bicycles. We envision a world where distance no longer prevents access to healthcare, education and economic opportunity.” www.worldbicyclerelief.org
- **Heifer International**—“equipping people with the tools, education and livestock to bring about positive transformation.” www.heifer.org
- **Marion Medical Mission**—we know them for their Shallow Wells for clean water for Africa but, did you know that a primary school was started a few years ago, Chizimya full Primary School. <http://marionmedical.org>
- **Global Family**—a Mennonite Central Committee education support program. www.globalfamily.mcc.org
- **Day of the Girl**—“On December 19, 2011, the United Nations General Assembly passed Resolution 66/170 adopting October 11th as the official “International Day of the Girl Child.” October 11, 2012 marked the first commemoration of this historic day. The General Assembly noted that the Day of the Girl would be about “galvanizing worldwide enthusiasm for goals to better girls’ lives, providing an opportunity for them to show leadership and reach their full potential.” It would also be about the empowerment, protection and participation of girls in all levels of society.” <http://dayofthegirlsummit.org>
- **Rafiki Africa**—the organization, Rafiki Africa, runs a school and other community programs in Alendu, Kenya. The organization provides education to hundreds of children and provides community support to their families. It is run by Roger Godfrey and Dorothy Dulo, who run the Rafiki food stand at Central Market. <https://www.facebook.com/RafikiAfricaFoundation>

MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS (CONTINUED)

We are still asking what we can do to help and how can we provide the most benefit to these Organizations and, will provide more details in coming weeks. And, if you are familiar with one or more of these Organizations and you have been inspired to give, please email us.

And, as always if you are interested in getting involved, the MDG Committee meets the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. Come join us! And in the meantime, please continue to read the MDG challenges and incorporate them into your week! Together, we can make the world a better place!

Submitted by,

Tammy Collier

ADULT FORMATION/EDUCATION & MDG GOALS

The Millennium Development Goal committee has selected the goal of Achieving Universal Primary Education for our congregational focus this year. We will be exploring different aspects of this goal throughout the year in a variety of adult and youth education programs.

Some of the considerations for selecting an MDG for each year's focus are: (1) Can we involve people of all ages? (2) Can we create or take on hands-on projects? (3) Can we build connections with the people directly benefiting from our work, efforts, and funds? And (4) is there some method to track the effectiveness of our efforts? We know that we can raise awareness and we can donate money, but we want to be a bit more connected to make this a global community. The initiatives selected that support this goal of achieving universal primary education all provide opportunities to do these things. Something for everyone, hands on, learn more about the Family of Man (which would be nothing without women and children), and to see the good we're doing. Please watch and join us throughout the year to learn about and participate in these programs.

A common thread that runs through efforts to achieve universal primary education is that of identifying the barriers to attending school, and creating programs and resources that assist in overcoming those barriers. Our friends Roger Godfrey and Dorothy Dulo, who own and run the Rafiki food stand at Central Market recently spoke to help us understand how different and difficult it is for children in some parts of the world just to go to school – something that we can easily take for granted. We have cars, and city and school buses for transportation. How difficult would it be to go to school if you took those away? Most American children have shoes to wear in school, and only think about which ones to wear. How difficult would it be to go to school if you were required to wear shoes but didn't have any, or only had one pair to share amongst your brothers and sisters? Many children in developed countries don't (although some do) have to go to school hungry, or worry if there will be food when they get back home. How difficult would it be to learn while you're in school if you didn't know when you'd have your next meal? Roger and Dorothy are running their business and living their lives in order to overcome some of these barriers for the children attending school in rural Kenya. Come learn what you can do, too.

Father John's recent sermon and readings were our call to activity to assist those in need. Join us throughout the year to actively learn what we can do that will assist all children to go to school and become better educated.

Submitted by, *Brad Zuke*

“ON BEING EPISCOPALIAN”



In celebration of its 25th anniversary as a Jubilee Ministry Center, St. John's Episcopal Church, 321 W. Chestnut Street, Lancaster, will hold its second annual conference "On Being Episcopalian" entitled "**Celebrating and Exploring the Scriptural Call to Jubilee,**" **Saturday, November 2 from 1:00-5:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary and Parish Hall. All are invited.

Rector Emeritus, The Rev. Canon Peter A. Greenfield, will share stories of St. John's journey toward becoming a Jubilee Ministry Center. **Professor Greg Carey** from Lancaster Theological Seminary will help participants delve deeper into scripture to invigorate all to continue, or begin, the journey. Diocesan Jubilee Officer, Deacon Jane Miron, will discuss how to become a Jubilee Ministry Center. Cost is \$5 at the door. Please email: patti@stjohns-lancaster.org to indicate you will be attending.

PROPERTY CORNER

After some lengthier-than-hoped growing pains, our **WiFi is up and running** providing wireless internet access throughout our facility.

Maintenance issues recently addressed include painting the ramp outside the parish hall, reinforcing the "holey" wall separating the courtyard from the parking lot, and painting and upgrading the office near the choir room for Minister of Music Paul Reese.

Percolation tests of our grounds were completed, offering important considerations as our courtyard project continues to move forward.

Did you know that on Jan. 6, 1938, a devastating fire completely destroyed the interior of our nave? All that remained was the brick exterior structure. St. John's is now better able to prevent a repeat of history as phase 4 of our fire alarm system (including carbon monoxide and gas detectors) is scheduled for this month, protecting lives and property in the Church and Parish House.

The Property Committee invites anyone willing to lend a hand, to join us for our **Fall Clean-Up on Saturday, December 7 at 9 a.m.** We'll grab a cup of coffee and juice, and something sweet, before readying our church for the busy holiday season.

Submitted by,

Bill Gross
Property Manager

JUBILEE MINISTRIES

BREAKFAST



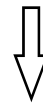
FELLOWSHIP

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST—(Contact: Sue Martin)

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

A breakfast of pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice, cereal, and

pastries will be served to the downtown community at **First Reformed United Church of Christ**, 40 East Orange Street, Lancaster. Volunteers are always needed to help prepare and serve the breakfast.



**Returning to First
Reformed UCC!**

MARTHA'S MINISTRY (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!

Martha's Ministry needs your help! Please make us aware of any people in our church family who would like a prayer shawl. Help us to reach someone who might need the warmth and prayers.

"Ritual is one of the oldest ways to mobilize the power of community for healing. It makes the caring of the community visible, tangible, real." Rachel Naomi Remen, M.D. For those of us in Martha's Ministry, the ritual of knitting, crocheting or sewing for others is our way of keeping it real in our community.

Conestoga View recently sent the following note of thanks: ***"Dear Martha's Ministry: We wish to thank you for your donation of 23 lap robes. The hard work and effort put into these lap robes is so appreciated and the robes will be put to good use. Thank you for thinking of the residents at Conestoga View. They will definitely benefit from your donation. Sincerely, Jennifer Eslinger, NHA Administrator.***

St. Nick's Knit Sale will be held on November 24th, between services in our Parish Hall and on December 1st (Thanksgiving weekend) between the services and also after the 10:15 a.m. service. Please stop by and check out the many different items crafted throughout this past year. Proceeds of our sale help to fund our after-school Eagle's Nest program and to replenish our supplies.

DOOR MINISTRY & FOOD BANK - (Contact: 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.

We would like to thank **Norma Murphy** for her timeless energy and faithful ministry of sorting and bagging the weekly food orders for our door ministry. Norma has decided to step down from this ministry due to recent health issues.

We thank **Debbie Carter, Bill Cater, and Anne Lebat-Gepert** for their time each week to help with this growing ministry.



MOO MONEY BOTTLE CAPS - 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. Thank you.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

The weekend of November 9 and 10 is very important in the life of the Episcopal Church Women at St. John's. On Saturday, the Diocesan Annual Meeting will be hosted by us. Starting with registration at 9:30 a.m., followed by the annual meeting in the church sanctuary at 10:00 a.m., full Eucharist at 11:00 a.m. with Bishop Baxter celebrating and preaching, and a delicious luncheon in the Parish Hall (featuring our fabulous male cooks and servers!) during which Mary Ellen Baxter will be the annual Honored Woman. It is an opportunity to show our interest and support of the Diocesan ECW activities. You must register in advance (sign-in sheet in the Parish Hall), adding the \$20 cost with a check made payable to the Diocese of Central Pa/ECW.

On Sunday, November 10, we host the coffee hour for the Parish Meeting (help and baked oatmeal is needed), and at 5:30 p.m., you are invited to participate in our own Annual Meeting. This is a time for social connections across generations, looking at the year past and setting goals for the year ahead, and most importantly prepare the tags for the Angel Tree project. Hopefully, no supper donations will be needed, as the salad and quiche from Saturday will stretch to this Sunday meeting.

Thank you to Anne and Helena Carroll for agreeing to co-chair the Angel Tree Project with Leslie Tahsler. The tags and gift requests will be available during Advent with the kick-off on November 24 at the Advent Event, as well as December 1, with final ingathering on December 8. All women are encouraged to attend any or all of these significant events in the our life at St. John's.

Submitted by,

Sue Martin

VOYAGERS



Join us on for the November Voyagers meeting to hear about Albright LIFE (Living Independently for Elders), a unique program offering services to support eligible seniors in their desire to age at home. Education Coordinator, Zoe Bracci, will explain the LIFE services they provide and others they coordinate. This presentation is significant, not only for our aging population but also for the “sandwich” generation concerned about their parents’ safety and well-being in their efforts to live independently.

You need not be a *vintage* person to attend this or any Voyagers program of interest. We hope to see you on Saturday, November 23rd from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall for fellowship, light refreshments, and important information.

Submitted by,

Barbara Graeter

CROP WALK UPDATE



Thanks to everyone (sneaker wearers, donors, walkers) who participated in Crop Walk Sunday on October 20, 2013. We had 14 walkers: Fran Gouveia, Shirley Shaheen, Rich & Nancy Brenton, Brad & Sue Zuke, Len & Sandra Jackson, John Herzog, and Julie Gittens, Mary & John Waskowicz, Sue Martin, and Fr. John. Together, St. John's raised \$1,636 to help stop hunger.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

St. John's Episcopal Church has been invited to join congregations of the Downtown Ministerium to attend the annual Lancaster City Thanksgiving Eve service at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church (Prince & Vine Streets) on Wednesday, November 27, beginning at 7:00 p.m. At this service, Mayor Rick Gray will read the Presidential Proclamation for a national day of thanksgiving and the guest preacher will be The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey S. Kohler, Lead Pastor, of First Presbyterian Church. This event is especially a time to pray for the city's unsheltered and homeless populations and for those who will help with the Lancaster County Council of Churches' Winter Shelter Program.

"ALTERNATIVE GIFTS"

Lancaster Alternative Gift Fair

Sharing Ways of Meaningful Giving Through Giving Gifts of Hope
and Restoration to our Community and World

The Gifts That Give Hope Alternative Gift Fair is held the Saturday before Thanksgiving Day each year. This festival, family-friendly Gift Fair, provides you with a unique shopping experience. In one place, you can learn how your unique gifts (donations) sustain and provide for others, while developing new relationships with organizations that are the forefront of helping tackle some of our world's pressing needs.

WHEN: Saturday, November 23, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

WHERE: Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, Pa.

Submitted by,

Sue Heilman

THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE

DECEMBER "MESSENGER": **NOVEMBER 18, 2013**

“A LITTLE BIT OF FAITH”

by Julie Gittens

If you ever went to Sunday school, you remember being taught about the Transfiguration of Christ. It's when His closest circle of friends see Him standing with Elijah and Moses; when they see who He “really” is. It's a great learning experience. Personally, I think we learn who Jesus really is in the event that happened after that.

Anyone who has read the four Gospels knows Jesus cured people: the blind woman, the paralyzed man, the leper; basically, anyone with an illness. They came to Him, stated their sickness, He placed His hands on them and they were cured. But after the Transfiguration, it was different. He didn't cure a simple illness and He didn't simply say, “Okay, you're cured; go back to what you were doing.”

This was a different kind of ailment. Depending on what Bible you read, it'll have a different name, but most will say, “The demon-possessed boy” and rightfully so. Have you ever seen a person having a seizure, and I don't mean on TV, but face to face? Well, I've seen videotapes of myself having one and I have to admit I did look possessed. One minute I was sleeping; the next minute, my legs were moving like I was riding a bicycle and I was foaming at the mouth. If this had happened back in those days, they all would have said the same thing, “Julie is possessed by the devil.”

Nowadays, it has a medical name – a seizure disorder or epilepsy. There is a difference between a seizure and epilepsy. Anyone can have a seizure; all you need is a brain. But if you have two or more seizures, you get to become a member of a special group – The Epilepsy Club. Membership here means you have recurrent and unprovoked seizures. They can happen during childhood or adulthood; some happen after a serious brain injury: like a fall of a bicycle, a car accident, a brain tumor, or like in my case, they're idiopathic, meaning they have no known cause.

There are different types of seizures, like the simple partial seizure, when a person remains conscious, but will stare out blankly or see a flashing light. There are complex partial seizures, this time a person will lose consciousness, but the seizure only occurs in one part of their brain. And of course, there is the Biggie, the tonic-clonic seizure, what most people call the Grand Mal seizure. This seizure is basically a combination of the first two spreads across the brain and lasts longer. The after effects are similar for all of the them, you're confused, you're tired, you're wondering why am I lying on the ground and you're wondering why is everyone staring at me like that.

Why is everyone staring at me like that? Think about it, one minute you were walking or you were talking or playing with your friends and the next minute, you're on the ground shaking uncontrollably. Yes, people are going to stare and they are going to be frightened. Unlike when a person has a heart attack or is choking and you can step in and help; there isn't anything you can do while a person is having a seizure, aside from placing something soft under their head. You have to wait it out. Most seizures won't last longer than two or three minutes. However, if it last longer than that or it's repetitive, call 911 immediately. When the person comes out of it, you need to tell them what happened and ask them simple questions, like what's your name and where do you live? Ask them if they need to use the bathroom or want a glass of water.

“A LITTLE BIT OF FAITH” (CONTINUED)

Trust me, I've been doing this for twenty-five years, having the seizure is the easy part; it's the afterwards that's hard. You're tired and disoriented, and if you're an adult, you usually can't drive. If you live in a city with public transportation, not being able to drive isn't a big deal, but if you live in the suburbs or in a rural area, it's a very big deal. It's the how will I get to work, how will I get to the grocery store, how will I get my kids to piano practice big deal. And if you're a kid, it's the will I still be able to play football or soccer big deal; the what will the other kids say about me big deal.

And that's why I think what Jesus did and said after the Transfiguration is so important He answered those questions. A man came to Him and asked Him to cure his constantly shaking boy. Basically, Jesus did what I said you should do earlier; He waited for the seizure to stop. And when the seizure was over, Jesus said, "You're okay, go out and play with your friends." Later his disciples ask Him, "Why couldn't we stop it?" His reply is simple and straight to the point, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

Stop for a minute and think about who Jesus was speaking to when He said that. He didn't say this to the people He had cured; he said this to his Disciples, He said this to "healthy" men. Jesus Christ knew that even "ordinary" people need an inspirational piece of advice. And for a person with any type of illness, any type of dilemma, this is a powerful thing to realize. Thanks to those words, the healthy will realize that being healthy doesn't mean you are better and the sick will realize being ill doesn't mean you are worse; the rich will that having money doesn't mean you are better and the homeless will realize being poor doesn't mean you are worse, this reality will be true for everyone, regardless of their religious beliefs, their skin color, their ethnicity or their sexual orientation. This reality is that a mustard seed amount of faith can open any door, big or small; any door can be opened with a little bit of faith. The other important thing to remember, at least it was in my case, is to remember that dreams don't come true overnight. They take time, sometimes a lifetime. But as Jesus Christ said, "If you have a little faith, nothing will be impossible for you."

ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE!



Our "Election Day Bake Sale" is scheduled for Tuesday, November 5, 2013 and is the day when city residents will be electing a new mayor. The voting precinct around St. John's are conscientious voters and flock to our Courtyard to vote in the All Purpose Room. It's a great opportunity for the semi-annual fund raising Bake Sale which benefits our "Eagle's Nest After School Program".

The Fulton School students bake lots of cookies to sell, but we also need many other items to satisfy the hungry and generous voters. Please offer breads, bars, cupcakes, more cookies, and any yummy goody. Donations can be delivered to church on Sunday, November 3, or to the Courtyard on Election Day. The Pizza Shop will be open as well, with home made pizza slices available for the lunch crowd.

Help is needed from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on November 5, to roll crusts (you don't have to know how to throw them!), add sauce and toppings, bake and slice to bag and sell hot—always a popular item. Michael Stank and Faith D'urbano are the chefs and advisors.

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
Rob Ashton
Mary Barley
Phil Becker
Nelson Craige
Linda Frederiksen
Marylou Higgs
John & Vonda
Joan Lahr
Dorothy Lyet
Ed Miller
Nancy Nemith
Mary Power
Charlie Rahe
Christian & Jonathan Stigelman
Jack Sullivan
Leeton Thomas
Judy Tighe
Paula Weidman
Amanda*

*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.

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

GROCERY CARDS

Total sales for September gave \$485 to Jubilee. It was a good month! We need to focus and continue with our better buying habits!

Our regular buyers, irregular buyers, and the rest of you need 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**

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Alexander, Charles	25
Almy, Ruth	29
Archer, Carolyn	19
Brown, Chloe	8
Carroll, Evelyn	29
Collier, Tammy	22
Crothers, Margaret	27
Di Pace, Danielle	29
Dorgan, Drew	16
Eaton, Laurie	7
Eaton, Peter	23
Farmer, Priscilla	6
Gromis, Caroline	11
Guetter, John	21
Kelley, Lois	8
Kilp, Daniel	30
Landis, Barbara	3
Looker-Fenn, William	7
Martin, Dave	10
McGraw, Barbara	25
Rahe II, Charles	13
Ramella, Karen	16
Sauder, Marylee	23
Schick, Nathaniel	26
Scott, Hagar	23
Seachrist, Marjorie	1
Stonerook, Laura	8
Thompson, Ian	3
Waskowicz, Lauren	19
Woolson, James	20

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Breitegan, Jim & Lois	11/24/1949
Carter, Debbie & Cater, Bill	11/24/2007
Durand, Don & Judy	11/17/1979
Gouveia, John & Fran	11/18/1995
Gromis, Sharon & Jeff	11/19/1983
Lombardo, Anthony & Tee	11/24/1984
Schein, John & Liz	11/23/2002

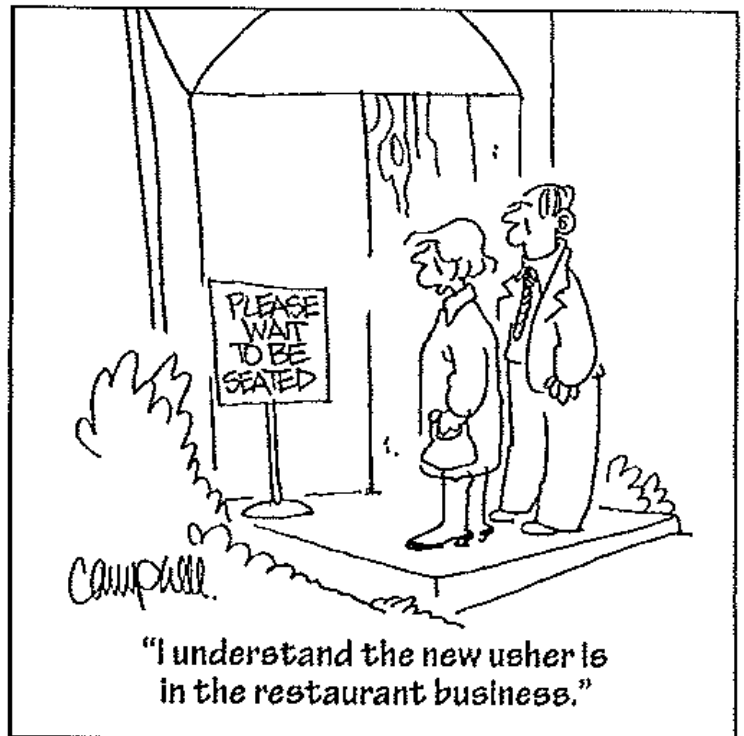


USHER SUNDAY:

NOVEMBER 17, 2013



November 3



SERVING SCHEDULE – NOVEMBER, 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!"*

NOVEMBER 3	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	James Glazier	Judy Arnold, Brad Moyer
Eucharistic Visitor	—	Karen Latshaw, Sue Martin, Honamans
Lector	Sue Tobie	Frank Cummins
Server	Joanie Kilhefner	John Waskowicz
Torch Bearer	—	James Woolson, Dylan Stone
Crucifer	—	Dave Pennell
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Bell Ringer	—	Emma DiPace
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	—	Brad Zuke
Coffee Hour	Voyagers & Sunday School Teachers	Voyagers & Sunday School Teachers
Nursery	—	Mary Waskowicz

NOVEMBER 10	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Ricky Smith	Sue Purdy, Michael Stank
Eucharistic Visitor	—	Phyllis Gbur, Sue Hileman
Lector	Bob Lee	Tom Bond
Server	—	Emma DiPace
Torch Bearer	—	Conor Brenton, Danielle DiPace
Crucifer	—	Glenn Miller
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Bell Ringer	—	Danielle DiPace
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team B
Greeter	—	Leslie Morgan
Coffee Hour	ECW	ECW
Nursery	—	Jen Hreben

NOVEMBER 17	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Peter Eaton	Judy Arnold, Sibyl Freeman
Eucharistic Visitor	Stephanie McGovern	Fred & Eleanor Honaman
Lector	Laurie Eaton	Fran Gouveia
Server	Joanie Kilhefner	Michael Hreben
Torch Bearer	—	Max Lester, Kendall Morgan
Crucifer	—	Dave Pennell
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Bell Ringer	—	Amelia Dissinger
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team C
Greeter	—	Bruce Waskowicz
Coffee Hour	Community Breakfast	Community Breakfast
Nursery	—	Tracy Cliff

NOVEMBER 24	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Merle Schnee	Barbara McGraw, Peter Novosel
Eucharistic Visitor	—	Peter Novosel
Lector	Ricky Smith	Paula Wolf
Server	—	James Woolson
Torch Bearer	—	Dylan Stone, Kylie Stone
Crucifer	—	Brad Moyer
Altar Guild	Team 4	Team 4
Bell Ringer	—	Tierza Mendez
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team D
Greeter	—	Dave Martin
Coffee Hour	AFED	AFED
Nursery	—	Phyllis Gbur

DECEMBER 1	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	James Glazier	David Dissinger, C. Weaver-Gelzer
Eucharistic Visitor	—	Joanna Sweeney, C. Weaver-Gelzer Fred & Eleanor Honaman
Lector	Bob Lee	Joel Cliff
Server	Joanie Kilhefner	Aaron Hasircoglu
Torch Bearer	—	Amelia Dissinger, Emma DiPace
Crucifer	—	Dave Pennell
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Bell Ringer	—	Conor Brenton
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	—	Peter Novosel
Coffee Hour	Usher Teams C & D	Usher Teams C & D
Nursery	—	Andy Carroll

NOVEMBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 23RD SUN AFTER PENTECOST ALL SOULS SUNDAY 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00 AM Coffee Hour & Knitters (PH) 9:00 AM Gathering Time (Aud) 9:15 AM 8am Veterans Group Photo (PH) 9:15 AM Adult Formation & Education (AP) 9:15 AM Altar Guild Meeting (BH) 9:15 AM Classes 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:55 AM 10:15am Veterans Group Photo (PH) 10:15 AM Choral Eucharist Rite II 11:30 AM Coffee Hour (PH)	28 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM VA (AP)	29 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Martha's Ministry (PH) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM AA (AP) 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Building Hope (PH)	30 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 12:05 PM Holy Eucharist/Healing Service 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM Eagle's Nest (PH) 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	31 7:30 PM Handbell Choir 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM St Augustine (AP)	1 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP)	2 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Baptismal Conf (PH) 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM On Being Episcopal / Jubilee 25th (PH)
3 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I Renewal 9:00 AM Coffee Hour & Knitters (PH) 9:00 AM Gathering Time (Aud) 9:15 AM Adult Formation & Education (BH) 9:15 AM Classes 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:15 AM Choral Eucharist Rite II Baptism 11:30 AM Coffee Hour (PH) 12:00 PM Battle of All Saints (St. Thomas)	4 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM VA (AP) 7:00 PM Property Committee (BH) 7:30 PM Ministries Council (2nd FL BH)	5 Eagle's Nest Bake Sale (Cityard) ELECTION DAY 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 (PH) 7:00 PM Finance Committee (BH)	6 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 12:05 PM Holy Eucharist/Healing Service 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM Eagle's Nest (PH) 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	7 7:00 PM MDG Committee (1st FL BH) 7:00 PM Worship Committee (2nd FL BH) 7:30 PM Handbell Choir 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM St Augustine (AP)	8 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 7:00 PM Popcorn Theology (PH)	9 9:30 AM ECW Diocesan Annual Meeting (PH)
10 25TH SUN AFTER PENTECOST ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00 AM Coffee Hour & Knitters (PH) 9:00 AM Gathering Time (Aud) 9:15 AM Adult Formation & Education (BH) 9:15 AM - 10:00 AM Annual Parish Meeting (PH) 9:15 AM Classes 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:15 AM Choral Eucharist Rite II 11:30 AM Coffee Hour (PH) 5:30 PM ECW Meeting (PH)	11 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM VA (AP)	12 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:30 PM Executive Committee (2nd FL BH) 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Martha's Ministry (PH) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM AA (AP) 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Building Hope (PH)	13 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Eagle's Nest (PH) 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 12:05 PM Holy Eucharist/Healing Service 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	14 7:30 PM Handbell Choir 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM St Augustine (AP)	15 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP)	16 7:30 AM St. John's Serves Breakfast @ 1st Reformed 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Safeguarding God's Children (PH) 5:30 PM Traditional Dance (Aud)
17 26TH SUN AFTER PENTECOST USHER SUNDAY 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00 AM Coffee Hour & Knitters (PH) 9:00 AM Gathering Time (Aud) 9:15 AM Adult Formation & Education (BH) 9:15 AM Classes 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:15 AM Choral Eucharist Rite II 11:30 AM Coffee Hour (PH) 12:00 PM Welcome Brunch (PH)	18 MESSENGER DEADLINE 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM VA (AP) 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting (PH)	19 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Martha's Ministry (PH) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM AA (AP) 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Building Hope (PH)	20 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 12:05 PM Holy Eucharist/Healing Service 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM Eagle's Nest (PH) 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	21 7:30 PM Handbell Choir 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM St Augustine (AP)	22 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 6:00 PM St. John's Moms Bowling	23 10:00 AM Voyagers (PH)
24 Birthdays & Anniversaries CHRIST THE KING UTO SUNDAY / ADVENT EVENT 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00 AM Coffee Hour & Knitters (PH) 9:00 AM Gathering Time (Aud) 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM St. Nick's Knit Sale (PH) 9:15 AM Adult Formation & Education (BH) 9:15 AM Classes 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:15 AM Choral Eucharist Rite II 11:30 AM Advent Event (PH) 11:30 AM Coffee Hour (PH)	25 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM VA (AP)	26 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:30 PM Personnel Committee (2nd FL BH) 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Martha's Ministry (PH) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM AA (AP) 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Building Hope (PH)	27 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 12:05 PM Holy Eucharist/Healing Service 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service at St. Mary's RC	28 Office Closed THANKSGIVING DAY 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM St Augustine (AP)	29 Diocesan Family Retreat Office Closed 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP)	30 Diocesan Family Retreat