



St. John's Messenger

January, 2014

from Fr. John W. Morris, Rector

OUR MISSION, OUR HISTORY, OUR FUTURE

The month of January offers two exceptional ministry opportunities, one of which is a well established St. John's tradition, and the other being a new ministry initiative.

Our annual celebration of the life and ministry of the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. will again this year feature a free concert to which the entire community is invited. At 3:00 PM on Sunday, January 19th we will host the **Music For Everyone Community Chorus** under the direction of AJ Walker.

The MFE Community Chorus is a perfect partner for us at St. John's. The mission of Music for Everyone – to cultivate the power of music for education and community building – dovetails with our commitment to the Millennium Development Goals and especially with this year's goal of achieving universal primary education. The chorus fulfills the MFE mission by welcoming all community members to join this all ages, multi-cultural singing group. In the concert they will explore with us the diverse styles of music from around the world, singing in many different languages.

The concert is sponsored by our Jubilee Ministries with the Chancel Choir hosting a light reception in the Parish Hall following the performance.

Our new ministry event for this month is being called **Bricks & Mortar and Wine & Cheese**. Sponsored by the St. John's Stewardship Committee, the evening will be a celebration through worship and story telling of the life of St. John's Church and our ministry in Lancaster. It will be held on Friday, January 24th beginning at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary with a service of sung Evening Prayer. This service is reminiscent of the time when St. John's had a boy's choir made up of neighborhood children who were paid twenty five cents to sing.

Story telling follows the service with short chats offered by different parish figures on lively topics. Here are some of the subjects to be addressed. The history of our high altar, pulpit and other furnishings will be discussed by our vergier, Aaron Spicher. The Great Fire of 1938 will be remembered by Bill Gross. Cynthia Minnich will tell the origin of our sanctuary flags. Janice Henry will explain the inspiration for the narthex's painting. St. John's neighborhood ministries will be recalled by Fr. John. Together we will be reminded of our rich heritage as a parish church in Lancaster.

For the refreshments following the talks we will have a "pot luck" wine and cheese. Hors d'oeuvres and cheeses will be provided. Everyone will be invited to bring a bottle of wine or other beverage to share. Continuing the theme of our celebration, artifacts of our parish's history will be on display.

For one hundred and sixty years St. John's has had significant place in the lives of the people of Lancaster and continues through our ministries to be a life source for many of our neighbors in need. Our sanctuary serves as the vessel of this service and is a beacon of the hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. May we join in the celebration of our mission and history through these ministry events and allow them to serve us as a sure compass and guide for the future of St. John's Episcopal Church.

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MDG CHALLENGES FOR JANUARY

*New Year, New World, New Visions, New Realities
All because of YOU!*

MDG Challenge for January 5th

January 6th is celebrated in the Christian church as the Epiphany when the Three Kings are to have visited the infant Christ.

In the Webster's definition of "epiphany", it is a moment in which you suddenly see or understand something in a new or very clear way.

Stepping into a new year 2014, how can we each have an "epiphany" thereby changing our vision of possibility in the world according to new decisions or actions made by each of us?

MDG Challenge for January 12th

Human Trafficking Awareness Day is dedicated to raising awareness of sexual slavery and human trafficking worldwide. It started in 2007, when the U.S. Senate designated January 11th as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

Although it is a U.S. initiative, the United Nations has begun to highlight this topic and work towards global awareness.

Facts about Human Trafficking Awareness

There are 21-30 million people in slavery today.

This is more than at any time in human history (Source: freetheslaves.net).

According to UNICEF, 2 million children are estimated to be trafficking victims of sex trade each year.

The average age of a girl being forced into the U.S. domestic sex slavery market is 13.

The average cost of a slave around the world is \$90.

MDG Challenge for January 19th

Martin Luther King Day is January 20th

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is: 'What are you doing for others?'"

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

And so, how do YOU answer that question?

MDG Challenge for January 26th

During the Middle Ages the month of January was called the "Wolf" month because hungry wolves would come into their towns searching for food this time of year.

Imagine the cold, the long dark days, with very little, if anything to eat.

Make sure no one coming to St. John's door is without something to eat as you bring a food item to feed another of your brothers or sisters, Christ's children.

THE REV. JENNIFER E. LOOKER

*“I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works, that I know very well” Psalm 139:14*

We are fearfully and wonderfully made. It's something children intuitively understand; adults, not so much. Children love to feel the grass under their feet as they run, they love to call out “watch me” or “try this” or “look what I can do!”. They appreciate the wonder of being alive and the marvel of being human. They are continually amazed by the wonder of who they are and who they are becoming. It's a little harder for adults. There is the task of aging, for one thing, with all the limits it imposes upon the body. But there is the greater challenge of self-perception: of the tendency to view one's self and body as something less than fearfully and wonderfully made.

Most of us struggle with those voices in our head, voices that tell us we are “too fat, old, awkward, wrinkled, frail.....” fill in the blank. Most of us look upon our bodies with dislike or regret. Those occasional moments of incarnational marvel- when we remember that we are fearfully and wonderfully made- when we hold the hand of a loved one, when we weep tears of joy, when we embrace a child, walk on the sand, feel the warmth of our breath upon cold air- these moments remind us what we too often forget. That we are made in the image of God. That we are called to care for our selves, our souls and our bodies with love and respect. With all the care that is due something wonderfully and fearfully made.

On **Saturday, February 22nd**, we will gather for our **fourth annual All Parish Retreat** to explore the relationship between our spiritual and physical selves. We will gather at the newly dedicated spiritual center at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Lancaster. **Mary Woolson**, a St. John's parishioner and certified health coach who practices healing touch, will be our **keynote speaker**. Mary will invite us to consider new ways of nourishing our minds, bodies and souls. Drawing upon her knowledge of holistic nutrition and good health practice, she will share practical suggestions and new ways of living as one fearfully and wonderfully made.

The retreat will feature workshops on healing touch, reiki, contemplative spirituality, vision boards, self-portraits and physical fitness for seniors. Other workshops will include: winter labyrinth walk, field exploration, knitting, and a conversation about our food bank and healthy recipes for families. Lunch will be catered by Isaac's, featuring sandwiches and sides. The famous “St. John's” tomato soup will be provided, with heart healthy sides and dessert.

For children: Nursery care will be available for children under the age of five years old. School age children will be invited to participate in a program including stories, crafts and fun activities during Mary's sessions. Children will be invited to join the larger group for worship, lunch and afternoon breakout sessions.

January ushers in the beginning of a new year. With it comes the opportunity for renewal and change. Join us for the opportunity to reflect on new ways of living and being. Join us as we remember that we are fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderfully Made: Renewal for Mind, Body and Soul

St. John's All Parish Retreat

Saturday, February 22, 2014

Spiritual Center, St. Thomas Episcopal Church

8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

ALL PARISH RETREAT

Wonderfully Made: Renewal for Mind, Body and Soul

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Saturday, February 22, 2014
Spiritual Center, St. Thomas Episcopal Church
8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$15 per person, 16 and under free
Tickets are available for purchase in the Parish Hall.

Schedule

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| 8:30 - 9:00 | Registration and Breakfast |
| 9:00 - 9:30 | Morning Worship |
| 9:30 - 10:30 | Session One with Mary Woolson |
| 10:30 - 10:45 | Break |
| 10:45 - 11:45 | Session Two with Mary Woolson |
| 11:45 - 12:00 | Noonday Prayers |
| 12:00 - 1:00 | Lunch, Catered by <i>Isaac's</i> |
| 1:00 - 3:00 | Breakout Sessions |
| 3:00 - 4:00 | Healing Prayer with Eucharist |



Breakout Sessions:

Healing Touch: learn about the practice and benefit of healing touch from certified healing touch practitioners. Experience a brief healing touch session.

Reiki: learn about the practice and benefit of reiki from Sue Purdy, certified reiki practitioner and instructor. Experience a brief reiki session.

Contemplative Spirituality: center your mind and quiet your soul as you experience contemplative prayer in community.

Self-Portraits: How do you see yourself? How do others see you? Be surprised and moved by what you learn in this workshop.

Physical Fitness for Seniors: Get moving at any age! Learn new and fun ways for staying fit.

Winter Labyrinth Walk: Bundle up and walk the beautiful St. Thomas labyrinth.

Field Exploration: Explore the winter landscape and take time to notice nature all around you.

Knitting: Bring your needles and yarn. Don't know how to knit? Learn the basics.

Vision Boards: Create a vision board using images from magazines to center your thoughts and provide direction for your future.

Feeding the Family: Learn more about our food bank and join the conversation around healthier food options. Explore new recipes for feeding your own family as we feed our family, the body of Christ.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

We finished up our pledge program with 142 pledges – the highest number of pledges in recent history! The total amount of these pledges is \$333,197, for an average pledge of \$2,346. Here are some details about these pledges:

| Total Pledges | 142 | % of Tot |
|------------------|-----|----------|
| New pledge | 23 | 16 |
| Increased amount | 47 | 33 |
| Same amount | 54 | 38 |
| Decreased amount | 18 | 13 |

Regular Giver / Not Pledging—13

While the total is only 93% of the pledge goal that was set by the Vestry, we appreciate the new and increased commitments, and we recognize that other people's changing circumstances have forced them to reduce their pledges.

(In addition, we still have a **\$1,200 "mystery" pledge** (\$100 / month) from a person who didn't include his/her name but attached a hand-written note to the pledge card (expressing regret at not being able to take part in more church activities, due to responsibilities at home). If this seems familiar, and you haven't yet received a note of thanks for your pledge, this could be your pledge! If so, would you please reveal your identity to Barb Baker, our Financial Secretary, via e-mail (barb@stjohns-lancaster.org) or phone (299-1188)? Thanks!

Looking Ahead:

As stewards of our resources of every kind, we will next celebrate and share stories about our beautiful buildings and their role in our neighborhood ministries. Please look for the separate announcement about January's "Bricks & Mortar and Wine & Cheese Event!"

Submitted by,

Debbie Carter

COMMUNITY MEAL



COMMUNITY DINNER

10th Annual New Year's Eve Community Meal

Join us on Tuesday, December 31st in the Parish Hall from 5:00-7:00 p.m. for another free community meal for all.

We will keep it simple again with a variety of soups in crock pots, breads, and brownies.

Anyone interested in providing food and/or volunteering in the kitchen or help with clean-up that evening, please contact Sue Heilman at either 717-951-0731 or heilmangirl@gmail.com

What makes this evening so special is the ambience of folks eating and relaxing together.

Anyone interested in playing an instrument as background music? We'd love to have you join us! Thank you.

Submitted by,

Sue Heilman

**THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT
ARTICLES FOR THE**

**FEBRUARY, 2014
"MESSENGER":**

JANUARY 20, 2014

Year End Indigestion and Epiphany

There is a potential ambush in writing monthly articles for the Messenger. It relates to the lag in time between the deadline for turning articles in to Patti, our secretary, and the publication of the Messenger — usually about two weeks later. The ambush happens when an article is read under circumstances that have changed since it was written. And right now, I'm facing the worry that you will be experiencing Year End Indigestion when you start reading this.

I'm not worried about the indigestion that comes from lingering too long at the Christmas dinner table. Of course, there's a real danger here. Christmas dinners are a great institution that families enjoy — special culinary creations that appear only in December, boxes of chocolates or truffles that are passed around again and again, heirloom recipes that add pounds just by thinking about them, and who can forget the fruitcake, especially the kinds that are laced with rum and other fetching ingredients. And all this takes appropriate beverages to wash it down. But if you get this kind of indigestion, it will not affect how you read my article — you'll be sleeping, not reading.

I'm concerned, rather, about the indigestion that results from being bombarded with endless media reviews of 2013's most significant events, or an equal number of ill-fated attempts to predict what 2014 will do for us — or *to* us. If you're like me, you tire of these very quickly. So, I don't dare add one more to your platter!! Too bad about that, because there are some things that I'd like to say in review of Vestry's 2013 accomplishments, and in anticipation of its work in 2014, that I think are quite noteworthy. But I fear the media may already have made that menu distasteful to read.

So I'll do a slightly different thing. As for 2013, a good bit of what I would like to say about Vestry's activities appeared in the Vestry report in last month's *Messenger*. You can have a look there for the review piece. And as for 2014, I'm going to ask you to write the forecast — I don't have the necessary raw materials. And that's exactly the point of what I would like you to hear: only you can give us adequate data to construct a picture of what 2014 should be.

The month of January — Epiphany — can become a wonderful time for creating light at St. John's. Come February, the Vestry will begin casting its 2014 vision for ministry and growth. Vestry Stewards will list out dozens of ideas, both great and small, and then struggle to discern those listed possibilities and needs that should become our priorities for 2014 Vestry work. So please take the opportunity *now* to get your ideas and concerns into the mix by getting them into Vestry ears (Vestry personnel are listed on the back of the Sunday Bulletin) — talk to us. Perhaps the season of Epiphany can be a time when light dawns on the Vestry, the light of your ideas!

Ironically, the antidote for year end indigestion might be a shared cup of coffee ... and a shared dream or two.

Submitted by,

John Herzog
Vestry's Warden

VESTRY RESOLUTIONS

Vestry Meeting: December 16, 2013

Building Hope - Resolution for the Permanent Adoption of Building Hope as a Jubilee Ministry

Be it resolved that as of January 1, 2014, Building Hope is adopted as a permanent ministry under St. John's Jubilee Ministry.

Be it further resolved that adult advisors to Building Hope can be recruited from among St. John's Church members.

Be it further resolved that Building Hope leaders are authorized to pursue operating grants in support of the program so long as they are in compliance with the fund raising guidelines of St. John's Episcopal Church.

Question called by Sue Heilman. Resolution approved.

2014 Budget - Resolved, that the vestry of St. John's Episcopal Church, Lancaster approves for 2014 a spending plan with projected income of \$582,450 and projected expenses of \$722,389.

Question called by Debbie Carter. Resolution approved.

St. John's Award - The St. John's Vestry resolves that the Kilp family - Bob, Mary Ellen, and their three sons, Adam, Daniel and David - receive this year's St. John's Award for their many contributions to the church and the impact that these have made.

Over the years, the Kilps have been a regular presence at the corner of Chestnut and Mulberry Streets. For Mary Ellen, St. John's has been a home away from home for the majority of three decades since 1983, when she brought her infectious smile, warm heart and welcoming arms to the church. She was joined a couple of years later by her then-and-still-current dance partner Bob. From the Black Angus to Lancaster Liederkrantz, the couple waltzed and Zwiefacher-ed all the way to their wedding day at St. John's on April 22, 1989 and soon after started a family.

In the years that have followed, both in and out of the walls of this historic church, the Kilps have been role models and a true inspiration for our future leaders - our youth. Initially serving as youth leaders with Penn and Mary Glazier, Bob and Mary Ellen eventually became mentors for the Young Adults in Church, or YAC. From there, Mary Ellen transitioned into being the youth coordinator, a position she still holds today.

That, however, is just the tip of the iceberg in terms of the Kilps' involvement at St. John's. Both Bob and Mary Ellen, in addition to their roles in property clean-up, coffee hour, Scout Sunday and the like, have volunteered at youth events and contributed at Agapeland and Happening, a Diocesan Youth event, where David was a rector last year. Mary Ellen, a cradle Episcopalian, has served with the Diocesan Commission for Youth Ministry, while she and David both represented St. John's as delegates at the Diocesan Convention and traveled to London, England last year with the J2A group. As a family, all five have participated in the Diocesan Youth conferences.

Besides helping children spiritually, Mary Ellen's love for kids extends to her position as a nurse at Taylor Elementary in the Columbia School District, where the Kilp family resides.

VESTRY RESOLUTIONS (CONTINUED)

Bob, a long-time employee at Armstrong World Industries, has proven to be a strong pillar in the operation of St. John's as a Rite 13 leader for many years, a Vestry member and warden, usher, lector, hand bell choir member and soon-to-be trained crucifer.

Showing that the apple doesn't fall far from the tree, Adam, Daniel and David have made their presence felt in the life of the church, singing in the children's choir, helping out on the Acolyte team as crucifers, servers, torch bearers and Eucharistic ministers, and eventually graduating to donning guard costumes and walking like Egyptians at Vacation Bible School.

David has also received the huge honor of being one of just 12 teens selected from the Episcopal Church to be an official youth presence at the 77th General Convention of the Episcopal Church in 2014. He is currently an intern with the Diocese of Pennsylvania at St. Luke's in Philadelphia.

It should hardly come as a surprise that largely because of the Kilps' impact, St. John's has a reputation in the Diocese as being the premiere place for youth ministry. "People want to come here to learn about our J2A program," assistant rector Jennifer Looker said.

The three Kilp boys have volunteered in nursery, helped out with the Maundy Thursday Lock-in and Good Friday services, and contributed to the Soles for Souls project. Plus, Adam made St. John's the beneficiary of his Eagle Scout project, refinishing the floor in the church's auditorium.

Outside of the church, the Lancaster Liederkrantz isn't the only place where the Kilps have been known to dance. The Kilp boys have broken out a touchdown dance or two while helping St. John's establish itself as a long-time holder of the All-Saints Day football trophy.

St. John's is considered to be family for the Kilps. So, too, is the Liederkrantz, where Bob is the financial secretary and all are active. True to family values, the Kilps are compassionate, loving, faithful, enthusiastic and welcoming. They are also perfect recipients of this year's St. John's Award.

Question called by Sue Heilman. Resolution approved as amended.

Financial Focus – The Vestry authorizes Jenny Landis of Financial Focus (our Financial Advisor) to perform an additional 25 hours of work in 2013 at a rate of \$125/hour for a total additional expenditure of \$3125 to be charged to line item 01-5090. This work is to complete the preparation of the fiscal year 2010 for financial review.

Question called by John Herzog. Second by Glenn Miller. Resolution approved as amended.

Amos Martin Fund – The Vestry authorizes the transfer of \$1250 from the Amos Martin Memorial restricted account to the general operating account for the purpose of paying musicians for the Christmas Eve service.

Question called by Glenn Miller. Resolution approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The November income and expense numbers are in and as usual have good news and bad news. The bad news is the same as it has been since September. Our pledged contributions are coming in significantly below the budget level. November was at 85% of budget which drops the year-to-date contributions to 87%. In the last 5 years, we have never been this low in our contributions. Normally, we are in the 95-98% range. That equates to approximately \$31,000 in contributions. Our non-pledged contributions continue to be very strong, but do not make up the shortfall. To give you an example of the difficulties this presents, the November pledged contributions were \$24,276.75. The Pastoral Care Ministry, which consists of our clergy and staff expenses, was \$24,406.31. The non-pledge contributions and other income sources must be directed to paying our operating expenses, such as heat, light, and sewer. There is no money left over to pay on our commitment to the Diocese. We are currently behind in our Fair Share pledge by \$12,500. We are hoping that the December contributions will permit us to do some catch-up. The Vestry will need to decide in January what to do about the outstanding pledge due the Diocese.

On the positive side (and there is good news), the expense control has been outstanding. While our utilities expenses are up slightly, the overall Property expenses are well within budget. The overage in the utilities is due to both slightly higher than expected utility charges and the increase in usage of our facility. With more things happening at the church, we would expect higher utility charges. Because all of the various ministries are working within their budgets, our overall short fall is only \$60,000 instead of the budgeted \$103,000. Think where we would be if our pledged contributions were at 95% instead of 87%.

The Finance Committee has committed to getting the quarterly statements out within 2 weeks of the end of each quarter. I ask that each of us review those statements both for correctness as well of knowing where we stand on our individual pledges. Next year additional statements will be sent out in November and December. This is in response to several people asking were they stood on their pledges in this time period.

As always, I thank you for your support of all of St. John's ministries and encourage you to address any concerns or questions to either a Vestry Steward, Finance Committee member, or myself.

Steve Latshaw, Treasurer

REMINDER TO ACH CONTRIBUTORS

If you recently enrolled as an electronic transfer contributor or changed your EFT amount during the recent Stewardship Campaign, please check your bank statements to verify that amounts are correct.

2014 contributions will begin on January 10, 2014 and continue on the 10th day of each month, thereafter.

Notify Barb Baker, Financial Secretary, at the church office with any discrepancies. Thank you.

Bricks & Mortar and Wine & Cheese

Friday, January 24, 7 p.m.

Chase away the winter blues with some warm fellowship and stories of faith and service reflected in our historic buildings.

The evening will begin in the sanctuary with Evening Prayer and some lively stories.

Learn about St. John's history of neighborhood ministries; our circa 1854 chalice and paten; the starry sky painted on the narthex ceiling; the Great Fire of 1938 and a recent restoration; the personal story behind the flags that adorn the sanctuary...and more.

A festive reception will follow in the Parish Hall, where artifacts of St. John's rich past will be on display. Thanks to our Verger, you will see things you've never seen before!

Cheese and light hors d'oeuvres will be provided. Bring a beverage of choice to share.

Help us plan by signing up in the Parish Hall or emailing stjohn@stjohns-lancaster.org If you need childcare, please contact the church office at 299-1188 by January 10.



Hosted by,

The Stewardship Committee



MLK EVENTS!

Volunteers Needed

Come volunteer at our annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day event, 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Monday, January 20, 2014. Children from the ages of 5-12 will join us at Saint John's for a day filled with art, music, chili, stories, sharing, and a birthday cake. The theme for this year's event is: "THESE HANDS". We will be exploring who Dr. King's helpers were and how we can continue to be his helpers today.

It's an exciting, high-energy day and volunteers always leave feeling that they've contributed to keeping Dr. King's legacy alive. We need volunteers for all sorts of jobs and everyone is welcome. Sign up online at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4AAFAB2DA20-saint> or look for the poster in the meeting hall. Contact Sue Dodge (lalimule@verizon.net or 717-368-7206) for more information.



MLK Concert
by
Music For Everyone's

Lancaster Community Chorus

Sunday, January 19th - 3:00 p.m.
St. John's Episcopal Church
(Free Will Offering)

Reception to follow in the Parish Hall.

Please join us for this inter-cultural event at St. John's. The Music For Everyone Community Chorus of Lancaster County was founded in May 2010 with the combined talent and ideas of AJ Walker and Steve Chambers. The chorus is a non-audition, all ages, multi-cultural body of singers who gather every Monday night for the sheer joy of singing. Inspired by the guidance and direction of Mr. Walker they learn their songs by rote with less emphasis on written music. Together they explore diverse styles of music from around the world and sing in many languages.

The energy of their performances combined with their love of the music and their love of each other has a powerful effect on the audience. They truly are a community of voices who bring the positive impact of music to our community, featuring our members: John & Fran Gouveia, Aaron Spicher, and Faith D'Urbano.

REG FORM

VOYAGERS



VOYAGERS first meeting in the new year will be on Saturday, January 25 at 10 o'clock. Verger Aaron Spicher is going to take us on a tour of our church's stained glass windows. Come join us and learn more about the history and the making of these beautiful treasures. Aaron 'show and tell' will continue with the church's vestments and an explanation about the significance of the colors of the church seasons. We are also hopeful that fellow Voyager Wayne LeFevre will be able to share some of his photography of St. John's at this meeting when we return to the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship. Everyone is welcome to join us.

POPCORN THEOLOGY

“Moonrise Kingdom”

Friday, January 10th - 7:00 p.m.—Parish Hall

Wes Andersen's newest film: set on an island off the coast of New England in the summer of 1965, Moonrise Kingdom tells the story of two twelve-year-olds who fall in love, make a secret pact, and run away together into the wilderness. As various authorities try to hunt them down, a violent storm is brewing off-shore -- and the peaceful island community is turned upside down in more ways than anyone can handle. Bruce Willis plays the local sheriff. Edward Norton is a Khaki Scout troop leader. Bill Murray and Frances McDormand portray the young girl's parents. The cast also includes Tilda Swinton, Jason Schwartzman, and Jared Gilman and Kara Hayward as the boy and girl.

INTERESTED IN SERVING?

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

For **Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Servers, Crucifers, or Torch Bearers:** Contact the Church Office
For **Eucharistic Visitors:** Contact one of the clergy.
For **Altar Guild:** Contact Cynthia Minnich
For **Ushers:** Contact Mike Gbur
For **Greeters or Coffee Hour Hosts:** Contact Bruce & Mary Waskowicz

- Contact telephone numbers for these people can be found in the Parish Directory and copies are available in the Welcome Center at the rear of the church.

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

| SUNDAY DATE | (1) | (2) |
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| JANUARY 5 | Carroll Family | Gross Family |
| JANUARY 12 | Anita Bowers | |
| JANUARY 19 | Cynthia Minnich | |
| JANUARY 26 | | |
| FEBRUARY 2 | John & Helen Miller | |
| FEBRUARY 9 | Ellen Meyer Trust | |
| FEBRUARY 16 | Faith D'Urbano | Charles Alexander |
| FEBRUARY 23 | | |
| MARCH 2 | | |
| MARCH 9 | | |
| MARCH 16 | Carroll Family | |
| MARCH 23 | | |
| MARCH 30 | John & Helen Miller | |

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School News

Karen DiPace, Sunday School Director

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Years!! I would like to thank everyone who helped out with our Christmas Eve dinner and Pageant. We couldn't do it without all of your help! A special thank you to our Church school teachers!!

Coming up in January we are excited to invite you to join us for our Martin Luther King Day event on Monday Jan 20th from 10-3pm. Look for more details in this messenger!

We also hope to see everyone for glow bowling on Sunday, Jan 26th. Details coming soon!

On Sunday Feb 2nd we will honor our youth and our Scouts. If you have a scout in your family please let me know so we can include them. Scouts are encouraged to wear their uniforms that day as well!

We will continue to meet at 9am for gathering time in the auditorium each Sunday, then head to the classrooms. Have a safe and happy winter!

Journey to Adulthood

Mary Ellen Kilp & Leslie Morgan, Co-Youth Directors

A great big **thank you to our J2A teens and leaders** for your help with the **All Parish Clean-Up**: your presence and help were so appreciated! And for those who haven't visited the J2A room recently- be sure to check it out! Our teens and leaders have painted the room with beautiful bright colors. Perhaps most striking however is the change in furniture. **Carol Stigelman**, Church School teacher and all-around awesome person, recently gifted our teens with **beautiful new furniture**. Our teens wanted to include this note in response:

"If you have not seen our room yet, come down and check it out! We finished painting and received new furniture courtesy of Carol Stigelman. When we walked in our jaws dropped. "It looks like a home makeover" says Brooks Morgan. "I was very surprised" says Amelia Dissinger. "Wow", were the words of Aidan Cliff, who bear hugged Mrs. Stigelman. We are very excited to be hanging out in our room for many Sundays to come. A special thank you to Bill Gross, Joe and April Way and Carol Stigelman."

And speaking of thanks, a special **thank you to all the teens** who helped with this year's **Christmas pageant**. This ministry continues to grow, in large part because of your leadership and presence!

A few upcoming events to mark on your calendars: the **MLK concert** featuring **Music for Everyone on Sunday, January 19th**. The **MLK event, on Monday, January 20th** (we could always use extra help- it is such a meaningful experience!). And new this year..... drum roll..... **Glow-bowling with our convocation friends** on Sunday, **January 26th** in the evening. Look for more information on this event to come! The good times keep coming with **Youth and Scout Sunday on Sunday, Feb 2nd**, featuring a special message from **Brooks Morgan**. Other February events include: **Happening, Feb 14th-16th**, a special **diocesan retreat** held at Camp Mount Luther for teens in 9th-12 grades, and the **All Parish Retreat, on Saturday, February 22nd**, on the theme of "Wonderfully Made: Renewal for Mind, Body and Soul." As always, we've got a lot going on! Be in touch with Mary Ellen Kilp, Leslie Morgan or Pastor Jennifer if you have any questions.



YOUTH CALENDAR OF EVENTS: 2014

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| 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 |

PROPERTY CORNER

The Property Committee extends heartfelt thanks to all who helped with one of our most successful Fall Clean-up days ever. It was a true inter-generational effort, as we shined, polished, washed, raked and swept -- readying our building and grounds for the Christmas season. A special thanks to our J2A youth who not only painted their classroom the evening before the clean-up, but stayed on throughout the next morning to assist with the other tasks. Be sure to check out their vibrant room and new furniture, graciously donated by Carol Stigelman.

Thanks also to the entire congregation for helping us be good stewards of our environmental and financial resources by closely regulating our building temperature settings. At an annual meeting several years back, parishioners endorsed these measures in order that we are mindful during both the cooling and heating seasons. While this may involve some discomfort at times, our efforts are making a positive difference.

Submitted by,

The Property Committee

LEAVING THE PAST BEHIND

“Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures, we might have hope.”

Romans 15:4

We ended last year with happiness and with sorrow; the happiness of the Birth of Jesus Christ along with the sadness of the death of Nelson Mandela (1918-2013). We were patiently awaiting Christmas Day and anticipating the arrival of the Magi, when the “unwanted” accorded: the death of Nelson Mandela. I say “unwanted” because we all expected him to die, after all he was 95 years old; we simply didn’t want him to die. However, I think it’s better for us that Madiba (Father) died at the end of last year and not the beginning of this year. Here’s why...

January is the first month of the New Year; it’s also the start of the Epiphany season. It’s the start of a new year, a time for new things and a time for us to have our own epiphanies. When Nelson Mandela was released from prison, he said, “As I walked out of the door toward the gate that would lead to my freedom, I knew if I didn’t leave my bitterness and hatred behind, I’d still be in prison.” I believe these are words we should all use when starting this New Year. January is the perfect time to leave bitterness and hatred behind. This doesn’t mean we should or will forget past events, but rather it means we should work on forgiveness regarding past events.

We already know forgiveness isn’t an easy thing to do. What good does it do you if you say “I forgive you” or “Please forgive me” if you don’t mean it in your heart? It doesn’t mean a thing. But remember, the Epiphany season is the time to be born again (the Baptism of Jesus Christ); it’s a time for new beginnings, even if these new beginnings don’t seem like the easiest or smartest ones to make. Therefore, I believe we should all start this year with forgiveness, giving it and asking for it. For once we have gotten through the forgiveness stage, the next important stage begins. This is the stage of reconciliation or the season of Lent.

Submitted by, *Julie Gittens*

JUBILEE MINISTRIES



COMMUNITY BREAKFAST—(Contact: Sue Martin)

"Volunteers Welcome!"

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18: 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.

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!



St. Nick's Knit sale, 2012 was an amazing event. Our St. John's family is awesome! Thanks to your support, Martha's Ministry raised about \$1500. which will help fund Eagles Nest and two other Jubilee ministries, Community Breakfast and Bridge of Hope.

A special thanks to Barb Baker, our financial secretary, for the many beautiful items donated to our sale.

We are currently discussing ways to improve the way we distribute our prayer shawls. Please email any suggestions to us at jeanniez@comcast.net. Your input is important to this part of our ministry.

We've said goodbye to some beloved friends this past year. They will never be forgotten.

Thank you all for the love and support you give us. Our church family is awesome. It bears repeating!

JUBILEE MINISTRIES (CONTINUED)

DOOR MINISTRY & FOOD BANK - (Contact: Aaron Spicher)

*“Thank you to all who have given to our door ministry this year.
We want to take this time to thank those who have supported this ministry
with either food or monetary donations.
A special thank you to all of those who have, through personal events
have brought a great deal of food to our pantry.
We receive many thanks from the many persons who come to our door
on Tuesdays and Thursdays to receive this great gift.”*

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.

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.



The Kilp Family received the 2013 St. John’s Award on Sunday, December 22, 2013. Their gift was a custom framed aerial photograph of St. John’s Episcopal Church taken by David Minnich, son of Cynthia Minnich, Rector’s Warden.
Front Row (Left to Right): Mary Ellen Kilp, Bob Kilp, and Cynthia Minnich.
Back Row (Left to Right): Fr. John, Adam Kilp, David Kilp, Daniel Kilp, and Pastor Jennifer.

JUBILEE MINISTRIES (CONTINUED)

How will what we are doing here, affect or involve those living in poverty?

This is a central question to all of us who worship at St. John's. Our answers may be better than we know once we think about it. Recently, I was challenged by one of our members on how well we support the MDG's in terms of funds raised? The goal that was outlined in the UN challenge was that if developed countries would contribute seven tenths of one percent (0.7%) of their Gross National Product to development of the poorest countries, we could end poverty. In other words, of every \$1000. it would cost \$7.00 to end poverty. This would not include military spending or disaster relief as they are not truly development efforts. So the question could be reduced to how are we doing at St. John's in our financial contribution to end poverty in the poorest countries?

My answer now is that we are doing pretty well. Our year end figures for 2013 are not yet in, but if you take contributions for the year from November 2012 to October 2013 (the most current financials available at press time) and measured it against the 2013 annual income budget; we have contributed over five tenths of one percent to the goal of ending poverty.

In addition to what the budgetary line item for MDG would show, we also raised:

- over \$1,000. through the MDG Committee's special collections in the Parish Hall in December 2012;
- over \$1,200. from the CROP Walk; (out of \$1,600. raised, 75% went over seas) and
- Over \$200. in gifts and memorial in honor of individuals.

This list is not all inclusive, but when I add in the budgeted gifts, I can document at least \$3,300. out of an annual income budget of \$586,000. being given to causes the benefit the poorest in the world. We may not be at the stated goal of the UN MDG's, but we are closer that we might have thought. We did this even though we were not conscious of the totality of our efforts. It was just a natural part of fulfilling our mission to "Grow in God. Act in Service. Witness in Love."

Submitted by, *John Gouveia*

Lancaster Interchurch Peace Witness

Lancaster Interchurch Peace Witness (LIPW) is a St. John's partner and will hold their annual meeting on Sunday, January 26, at Trinity Lutheran (Lancaster) in the Fondersmith Auditorium from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. The keynote address is: "After the War"—human, environmental and economic impact. Speaker Titus Peachey of Lancaster is Director of Peace Education with Mennonite Central Committee. He has worked with international agencies on removal of unexploded cluster bombs since 1994 when he and his wife, Linda Gehman Peachey, were assigned by the Mennonite Central Committee to work in Laos.

This event introduces the focus of LIPW's mission for 2014. Please go to their website for a listing of upcoming events (<http://lancasterinterchurchpeacewitness.org/>), including a showing of economist Robert Reich's film, "Inequality for All" at Penn Cinema, February 6th at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by, *Fran Gouveia*

MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS UPDATE

The holiday seasons are winding down and may seem like they have gone by too fast & furious. The challenge now is to not allow our worldly routines to take over and let us loose all that inspiration and momentum. It can be challenging to stay in a thankful frame of mind, to have mercy and show goodwill; to remember the wealth of our blessings and the people who have touched our lives. With effort and the support of our St. John's community we can resolve to keep our hearts open.

To help keep us informed and inspired, the MDG committee has posted a display on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. There are take-away handouts available at the display. Please help to continue working into the New Year on the two MDG goals that St. John's is focusing on this year: "Achieving Universal Primary Education" and "Eradicating extreme poverty & hunger around the world." The five organizations being supported in an effort to impact these goals are:

Rafiki Africa
World Bicycle Relief
Heifer International
Marion Medical Mission, and
Global Family

We hope all have had an opportunity to see this information or hear about it. The smallest individual efforts of sharing and giving support for such things as clean water, educational supplies, tuition and teachers, bicycle transportation or a flock of chicks can be empowering and make a difference in the sustainability of the daily lives of the recipients. Collectively, we can make an impact and when you are inspired to give, please give directly to the organization(s) of your choice.

The MDG committee continues to explore ways to educate, advocate and provide support to the organizations that are working to meet the Millennium Development Goals. We look forward to hearing from Roger Godfrey and Dorothy Dulo after they have returned to Alendu, Kenya, as they share their work there with St. John's. There will be additional MDG activities and information to share in the upcoming year.

If you have any questions or are inspired to get involved, the MDG Committee meets the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. Come join us! And, please continue to read the MDG challenges and incorporate them into your week.

Submitted by, *Tammy Collier*

BOOK DISCUSSION

Adult Formation & Education Development Offering: Book Discussion

Greetings all! It's only been a year since I hoped to organize an intermittent book group at St. John's. This is my proposition: Whoever wants to read I AM MALALA by Malala Yousafzai, the young Pakistani teenager who was shot by Al Qaeda, please do so by early February and email me your interest in meeting once or twice to discuss it. We will try to decide together when it is best to meet and I will post our meeting times in the February "Messenger" and future weekly Sunday bulletins. Any questions, please contact me at either: 717-951-0731 or heilmangirl@gmail.com

Sue Heilman

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.



*Harris Arnold
Abbie Asplin
Ralph Clare
Faith D'Urbano
Linda Frederiksen
Charles Gray
Bill & Lois Herzog
Betty Juslin-Asplin
Joan Lahr
Debby Linton
William K. Miller
Betty Murphy
Nancy Nemith
Lorraine Nolan
Phil Purdy
Mary Power
Robert & Joan Power
Christian Stigelman
Joanna Sweeney
Judy Tighe
Leeton Thomas
Denise Wendler
The Lange Family*

*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 November gave \$523 to Jubilee. This was the best month all year!!! Can we do it again in December? We need to focus and continue with our better buying habits! Show Jubilee that we really care!

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**

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Arnold, Judy | 19 |
| Bailey, Lyn | 23 |
| Boohar, KC | 28 |
| Breitegan, Loie | 8 |
| Burch, Connie | 29 |
| Di Pace, Nick | 10 |
| Durand, Emily | 23 |
| Gordon, Jean | 25 |
| Hasircoglu, Chris | 27 |
| Henk, Alice | 25 |
| Kilhefner, Shelby | 23 |
| Kilp, David | 2 |
| Latshaw, Ally | 12 |
| Latshaw, Andy | 27 |
| Magagna, Aubrey | 16 |
| Mattson, Bradley | 27 |
| Mausolf, Lily | 29 |
| Miller Jr, John | 29 |
| Murphy, Norma | 26 |
| Purdy, Sue | 28 |
| Rhodes, Penny | 28 |
| Rivera, Deborah | 14 |
| Smith, Ricky | 21 |
| Springer, Mark | 18 |
| Stone, Dylan | 4 |
| Strickler, Kent | 25 |
| Suliveras, Zoe | 7 |
| Tahsler, Bruce | 10 |
| Tahsler, Martha | 22 |
| Thompson, Michael | 22 |
| Thompson, Sophia | 31 |
| Tighe, Judy | 10 |
| Van Aulen, Ben | 15 |
| Watts, Ken | 16 |



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

| <u>Couple</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Bush, Fred & Kay | 01/09/1954 |
| Crothers, Jim & Margaret | 01/31/1953 |
| Farmer, Richard & Mary Suzanne | 01/10/1948 |
| Honaman, Fred & Eleanor | 01/10/1953 |
| Stonerook, Tom & Kendall | 01/26/1985 |



The Birthday Prayer

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

SERVING SCHEDULE – JANUARY, 2014

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

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

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

| JANUARY 5, 2014 | 8:00 AM | 10:15 AM |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Eucharistic Minister | Ricky Smith | David Dissinger, Barbara McGraw |
| Eucharistic Visitor | — | Karen Latshaw, Sue Martin, Honamans |
| Lectors | TBD | TBD |
| Server | Joanie Kilhefner | Amelia Dissinger |
| Torch Bearer | — | Danielle DiPace, Max Lester |
| Crucifer | — | Glenn Miller |
| Altar Guild | Team 1 | Team 1 |
| Bell Ringer | — | Conor Brenton |
| Ushers | 8:00 a.m. | Team A |
| Greeter | — | Brad Zuke |
| Coffee Hour | LEVs | LEVs |
| Nursery | — | Marla Lester |

| JANUARY 12 | 8:00 AM | 10:15 AM |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Eucharistic Minister | Merle Schnee | Sue Purdy, Michael Stank |
| Eucharistic Visitor | Stephanie McGovern | Peter Novosel |
| Lector | Fred Bush | Tom Bond |
| Server | — | Rachel Hreben |
| Torch Bearer | — | Miriam Lester, Kendall Morgan |
| Crucifer | — | Adam Kilp |
| Altar Guild | Team 2 | Team 2 |
| Bell Ringer | — | Aaron Hasircoglu |
| Ushers | 8:00 a.m. | Team B |
| Greeter | — | Dave Martin |
| Coffee Hour | Handbell Choir | Handbell Choir |
| Nursery | — | Courtney Rhodes |

| JANUARY 19 | 8:00 AM | 10:15 AM |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Eucharistic Minister | Peter Eaton | Judy Arnold, Peter Novosel |
| Eucharistic Visitor | — | Joanne Sweeney, Fred & Eleanor Honaman |
| Lector | Laurie Eaton | Jeannie Zeller |
| Server | Joanie Kilhefner | Emma DiPace |
| Torch Bearer | — | Justice DeLeo, Danielle DiPace |
| Crucifer | — | Bob Kilp |
| Altar Guild | Team 3 | Team 3 |
| Bell Ringer | — | Brooks Morgan |
| Ushers | 8:00 a.m. | Team C |
| Greeter | — | Bruce Waskowicz |
| Coffee Hour | Community Breakfast | Community Breakfast |
| Nursery | — | Sue Hurlburt |

| JANUARY 26 | 8:00 AM | 10:15 AM |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Eucharistic Minister | James Glazier | Brad Moyer, Katie Mausolf |
| Eucharistic Visitor | — | Don Durand |
| Lector | Sue Tobie | Barbara McGraw |
| Server | — | Michael Hreben |
| Torch Bearer | — | Max Lester, Natalie Visco |
| Crucifer | — | Dave Pennell |
| Altar Guild | Team 4 | Team 2 |
| Bell Ringer | — | Lorraine Nolan |
| Ushers | 8:00 a.m. | Team D |
| Greeter | — | Leslie Morgan |
| Coffee Hour | Ushers: 8am & Team B | Ushers: 8am & Team B |
| Nursery | — | Mary Ellen Kilp |

| FEBRUARY 2 | 8:00 AM | 10:15 AM |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Eucharistic Minister | Ricky Smith | David Dissinger, Sibyl Freeman |
| Eucharistic Visitor | Phil Becker, Ricky Smith | Phyllis Gbur, Sue Heilman, Honamans |
| Lector | Bob Lee | Jane Lee |
| Server | Joanie Kilhefner | James Woolson |
| Torch Bearer | — | Conor Brenton, Michael Thomson |
| Crucifer | — | Glenn Miller |
| Altar Guild | Team 1 | Team 1 |
| Bell Ringer | — | Emma DiPace |
| Ushers | 8:00 a.m. | Team A |
| Greeter | — | Peter Novosel |
| Coffee Hour | Scouts | Scouts |
| Nursery | — | Katie Mausolf |

JANUARY 2014

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|---|--|---|---|---|
| 29 CHRISTMAS I Fr John (Vacation) 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) 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:15 AM Choral Eucharist Rite II 11:30 AM Coffee Hour (PH) 12:00 PM J2A Christmas Reunion (PH) | 30 Fr John (Vacation) 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM VA (AP) | 31 Fr John (Vacation) 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Martha's Ministry (PH) 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Community Meal (PH) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM AA (AP) | 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY Office Closed 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) | 2 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) | 3 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) | 4 |
| 5 2ND SUN AFTER CHRISTMAS Christmas Lessons & Carols 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 10:15 AM Choral Eucharist Rite II 11:30 AM Coffee Hour (PH) | 6 EPIPHANY 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) | 7 11:00 AM Staff Christmas Lunch 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) 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Building Hope (PH) | 8 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 | 9 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM St Augustine (AP) | 10 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 7:00 PM Popcorn Theology (PH) | 11 9:00 AM Vestry Orientation (BH) 10:00 AM Baptismal Conference (PH) 12:00 PM Veritas (Set-Up) 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM Veritas |
| 12 LORD'S BAPTISM 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 w/Baptism 11:30 AM Coffee Hour (PH) | 13 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM VA (AP) 7:00 PM Executive Committee (BH) | 14 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) | 15 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 | 16 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM St Augustine (AP) | 17 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) | 18 7:30 AM St. John's Serves Breakfast @ 1st Reformed 6:30 PM Traditional Dance (Aud) |
| 19 2ND SUN AFTER EPIPHANY 3:00 PM - MLK Concert MLK 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) | 20 MESSENGER DEADLINE Office Closed 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM MLK Day Event (PH) 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM VA (AP) 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting (PH) | 21 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) | 22 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 | 23 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM St Augustine (AP) | 24 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 7:00 PM Stewardship: Bricks & Mortar/Wine & Cheese Event | 25 10:00 AM Voyagers (PH) |
| 26 3RD SUN AFTER EPIPHANY Convocation Bowling Event (Time/Place?) 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) | 27 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM VA (AP) | 28 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) | 29 Fulton PTO 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 | 30 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM St Augustine (AP) | 31 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) | 1 |