



St. John's Messenger

February, 2014

from Fr. John W. Morris, Rector

MINISTRY EPIPHANIES

Our celebrations in February make it one of my favorite months. No, I don't mean Valentine's, President's or even Groundhog Day. What makes February a favorite for me is that all our Sundays fall in the season of Epiphany.

Our scriptures in the Sundays after the Epiphany recount the beginning of the ministry of Jesus. They remind us of his identity and destiny that was revealed even in his infancy. They speak to us of his teachings that revive us with meaning and purpose, reestablish God's absolute claim on our lives and insist on our striving for the highest standards as children of the kingdom of God. Epiphany is the season that inspires us with Christ's word and example, and calls us to serve one another even as he has served us.

Ministry is what we model in our worship and especially in the season of Epiphany. Over the four Sundays of the month we will focus the ministries of community, education, outreach, and worship at St. John's.

SCOUT / YOUTH SUNDAY on February 2nd will be a blended celebration of the leadership of the young people of our parish. The 10:15 AM service will feature our Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in the pageantry of their respective uniforms. Two of our scouts, Greyson Way and Brooks Morgan, will receive their God and Me award. Other scouts and youth will serve in various lay liturgical leadership roles as Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Acolytes. At both services, the sermon will be offered by Brooks Morgan.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION SUNDAY, February 9th, is this year reflective of our Millennium Development Goal, "Achieve Primary Education". We will be addressed at both the 8:00 and 10:15 AM services by two gifted educators – Roger Godfrey and Dorothy Dulo. Roger and Dorothy are husband and wife, and who own and operate Rafiki, a stand at Central Market that specializes in African cuisine. But Rafiki, which means friendship, also is the name of the ministry they have established to support the Light House Academy, a school in western Kenya. It is no ordinary school. Along with quality education the school teaches food security and sustainability, spiritual formation, physical and emotional health, and provides economic support for girls. It is a ministry that embodies the MDGs.

MARTHA'S MINISTRY, our St. John's knitting group, will be recognized in our worship on February 16th. This is a multifaceted ministry. It is a community group providing fellowship and care for its members. It is an outreach ministry with knit items being donated to military service personnel, homebound members and neighbors in need. It also gives financial support through the sale of beautiful knit goods to our Jubilee family of ministries.

LECTOR SUNDAY, February 23rd, we affirm and give thanks for those whose ministry is to help us proclaim the Word of the Lord. Our Lectors are both dedicated and dynamic. They bring what could be just dry printed matter to life with their informed nuanced readings. In this we are especially grateful to Tom Bond, our chief lector, for his coaching and encouragement of this vital worship ministry.

Epiphany, in the modern sense, has come to be equivalent with enlightenment. But the ancients understood and acknowledged that the source of this light is God. In the season of Epiphany we give thanks for the light that has come to us in Christ Jesus and that continues to shine in the world through our ministries in Christ's name.

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MDG CHALLENGES FOR FEBRUARY

February - When you say the month what does it bring to mind?

Groundhog Day; Valentine's Day - hearts, cards, flowers; President's birthday's - Lincoln, Washington; cold weather- Spring soon; Winter Olympics and nations of the world gathering, Black History month, the Feast of Moses.

MDG Challenge for February 2nd Groundhog Day

The celebration of Groundhog Day began with the Germans, Pennsylvania's earliest settlers. They brought with them the legend of Candlemas Day, which states "For as the sun shines on Candlemas day, so far will the snow swirl in May...". The settlers found that groundhogs were plentiful and were the most intelligent and sensible animal to carry on the legend of Candlemas Day which was a day in honor of the presentation of the infant Jesus in the Temple and the purification of the Virgin Mary: candles are blessed on this day. As you "emerge" personally, think and then act on a difference you can make in our "one world."

MDG Challenge for February 9th

Aside from the business of flowers, cards and candy for special people close to you in the celebration of Valentine's Day, think about those less fortunate who would smile at your gift of any type of food items for St. John's Food Bank. Imagine if each of us brought just one item and the number of hearts we could touch.

You might not just "make their day" - It might help them to live.

MDG Challenge for February 16th Tomorrow is "Random Act of Kindness Day"

In celebration, this week, take on additional smiles and "Thank You's" and think of any act of kindness to others you personally could do. Then, Take Action! And consider personally making it a "Random Act of Kindness Year!"

MDG Challenge for February 23rd

Today is the Birthday of George Frederick Handel, composer of The Messiah, in 1685. Music awakens the soul. As you listen to the prayerful music of instrument and voices shared each Sunday morning, send an additional prayer to those for whom the freedom of voice and song can be limited and stifled. Pray that they may know the freedom of voice and the joyfulness of song in their lives that helps them to know and experience a caring world.

THE REV. JENNIFER E. LOOKER

I'm like a drum that keeps on beating..... but I can just can't help myself! If you haven't signed up for this year's All Parish Retreat, "Wonderfully Made", you really should! We have a dynamic program planned, for both children and adults.

The retreat will take place on **Saturday, February 22nd, from 8:30-4:00 p.m.** This year's theme will 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 – a truly spectacular facility for retreat purposes. **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. Her presentation will be divided into two parts, which she describes in this way:

Session One

I will show you how eating better, moving more and reconnecting with the person at your core will transform your life. Healthy, conscious living starts with the right mindset so we'll begin there. We'll do an intention exercise and learn how journaling and visioning can help you get clear about your ideal life. We'll then focus on our bodies. We'll discuss reasons for the obesity epidemic and things you can do to make better food choices for you and your family.

Session Two

I will talk about the benefits of exercise and provide some tips to get you moving more. We'll then switch our focus to spirit. You'll learn how to breathe properly and you'll experience a brief meditation to ground and center yourself prior to lunch and our afternoon breakout sessions.

The retreat will feature workshops on healing touch, reiki, contemplative spirituality, vision boards, self-portraits and physical fitness for seniors. Other workshops will include a 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 provided by all of us, potluck style!

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.

Please sign up for the retreat by purchasing a ticket in the parish hall. The cost is \$15 per person, 16 and under free. Financial assistance is available. Please also consider bringing a healthy breakfast offering and healthy dessert for lunch!

Wonderfully Made: Renewal for Mind, Body and Soul

St. John's All Parish Retreat, Saturday, Feb. 22nd, 2014

Spiritual Center, St. Thomas Episcopal Church

8:30-4:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$15 per person, 16 and under free

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ALL PARISH RETREAT

Wonderfully Made: Renewal for Mind, Body and Soul

St. John's All Parish Retreat, Saturday, February 22nd, 2014
'Spiritual Center' at 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

8:30-9:00	Registration and Breakfast
9:00-9:30	Morning Worship
9:30-10:30	Session One w/ Mary Woolson
10:30-10:45	Break
10:45-11:45	Session Two w/ 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 w/ Eucharist



Breakout Sessions

Healing Touch: Experience a healing touch session with certified healing touch practitioners, including Mary Woolson and Lois Kelly.

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 led by Barbara Landis.

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.

VESTRY'S WARDEN

Vestry: Saying "Thanks" and Turning a Page

The January meeting of St. John's Vestry marked the end of its work year and the end of a three-year commitment for two of the Vestry Stewards — Lois Kelly and Bruce Morgan. The Vestry also bid farewell to Leslie Tahsler, its secretary for several years, and to eleven years of service by Cynthia Minnich as Rector's Warden (which recently became Senior Warden).

Cynthia became Rector's Warden in 2002, and in that role has provided dependable continuity through two ministry changes and three pastoral tenures, beginning with the ministry of Fr. John Emmert. The list of her contributions includes Chair of the Altar Guild, Chair of the counters, member of the Property Committee, member of the Worship Committee, member of the church Staff, and exchequer of grocery card sales. She has rendered these services with the diligence of a queen's attendant and the endurance of a marathon runner — even when forced to run on crutches! For many in our Parish, Cynthia is the "go to" person when information is desired or an opinion needs to be expressed. One wonders how many people will be needed to replace her — in some respects, no one will be able to do it! Thank you, Cynthia.

Lois Kelley served one year as the Vestry Steward of Education and two years as Steward of Pastoral Care. As Steward of Education, she convened a focus group to study adult education at St. John's, giving inspiration and leadership which resulted in the current Adult Formation/Education program (frequently referred to as AFED). That same strong but gracious hand directed Pastoral Care through two difficult years that saw the loss of two ministry positions during a time of increased demands upon ministry staff. We are the better for her contributions and grateful for her gift of service.

Bruce Morgan was Steward of Community at St. John's for three years. The smooth operation of the many social and community functions at St. John's has been facilitated by Bruce, so we all owe him a word of gratitude. Special thanks comes for his creative organization of a J2A Reunion and — as you might expect from a career sports writer — getting a bus load of us to a Philadelphia Phillies baseball game. Bruce's quiet and cheerful work has made us a better St. John's Family.

Anyone who has tried to keep minutes for organizational meetings — and those who have to depend on those minutes — knows that it is not easy to write minutes that are complete enough to be adequate while leaving to the side those bits that are unessential. Add to that the ability to get the facts stated accurately, and you have a description of the contribution that Leslie Tahsler has brought each month to the operation of the Vestry. The ministry of the Vestry has been able to flow smoothly in part because of these gifts which Leslie has offered to us, and we are blessed and grateful for them.

But our January meeting also included a peek toward the future: Fr. John passed out "Dream Sheets" to each vestry member, a page that will tease out of us our hopes and aspirations for St. John's Church in 2014. Like the gurgling of a spring at a river's source, the Dream Sheet starts the process that will direct and energize the Vestry, and St. John's, for another year ... and beyond. If you have dreams, please share them with us — the future of St. John's is, after all, the future of all of us.

Submitted by,
John Herzog

VESTRY RESOLUTIONS

VESTRY MEETING: JANUARY 20, 2014

Fund Raiser Approval – Resolved that the vestry of St. John's approves the following 2014 Journey to Adulthood fund raisers for the purpose of funding the 2015 Pilgrimage:

Pancake Supper, Scrapbook Event, Pretzel Sandwich Sales, Blueberry Festival,
Spaghetti Supper, Wreath Sale, 150th Anniversary Memorabilia Sales

And be it, further resolved that the vestry approves for 2014 the following Church School collection to support the Rafiki School in Kenya:

Pennies for Change.

Question called by Peter Eaton. Resolution approved as amended.

Rector's Fund – Whereas, investigation has uncovered that when the Endowment Fund was moved to our current Investment Advisor there was a \$30,000 bond included in the assets. The bond was a 6% bond with a retirement date of 2055. The bond was not rated A or above as required by our investment policy and was valued well below the face value. As required by the investment policy, our advisor liquidated the bond and placed the proceeds into the Endowment account. The earnings of this bond were used to fund the Rector's Discretionary Fund account. Rather than attempting to find an alternative bond to replace the liquidated bond, it is recommended that a draw equal to the annual earnings of this bond be taken from the Endowment Fund and placed in the Rector's Discretionary account. It is also recommended that the equivalent earnings for the 4 missed years be drawn from the Endowment and placed in the discretionary account. Other than directed gifts to the discretionary fund, this annual transfer will be the sole source of funding for the account.

Resolved, that the Vestry authorizes the Treasurer to draw \$7200 from the Endowment Fund for the purpose of replenishing the St. John's Rector's Fund, and directs the Treasurer to transfer from the Endowment Fund to the Rector's Fund a sum of \$450 at the beginning of each quarter.

Resolution sent back to the Finance Committee for further discussion.

Glenn Miller moved to table the motion. All in favor.

Fundraiser Approval – Resolved that the vestry approves that the MDG committee sell note cards for \$8 a pack to benefit the Rafiki School in Kenya on February 9, 2014, which is the Sunday when Rafiki founders, Roger Godfrey and Dorothy Dulo, will be presenting during both St. John's services.

Second to this motion – John Herzog

Question called by John Herzog. All in favor.

Piano – Resolved that the vestry of St. John's Church approves the cost of purchase and shipping for a Steinway Professional Upright Model K, Serial #533487 from Celeste Tubman in the amount of up to \$14,000.00 from designated and undesignated memorial funds.

Jane Lee put motion forward. Glenn Miller seconded.

Motion made to amend resolution to \$14,000 by John Herzog. All in favor.

Question called by Glenn Miller. Resolution tabled.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The 2013 numbers are still being tabulated. But we do have some preliminary results. A last minute surge in pledged contributions brought that total up to \$310,258. While this is still well below our target budget value of \$343,000, it is much better than what we were projecting last month. The Non-pledged contributions totaled a surprising \$54,326 or %155 of our expected level. Combined, these 2 line items reached 96% of the target level and represented 65.3% of our operating income. A special "Thank You" goes to the 18 pledging families/individuals that exceeded their pledged. 2013 may be over, but we will gratefully accept any outstanding 2013 pledge contributions.

The books have not been closed on our expenses, but those numbers continue to look good. All of the various ministries worked hard to maintain their respective expense within budget. Only higher than expected costs or unexpected expenses were encountered did any particular line item exceed plan. Vestry will need to address the shortfall in giving to the Diocesan Fair Share, Council of Churches, and our Contribution to the City (in lieu of taxes).

2014 promises to be an exciting year for St. John's. We will be taking a serious look at moving forward with the Courtyard/Welcoming Center project as well as maintaining all of our various ministries. I ask everyone to prayerfully consider putting the support of St. John's as a high priority throughout the year. The Vestry Stewards, Finance Committee and Executive Committee are always available to listen to your concerns and suggestions.

Steve Latshaw, Treasurer

PARISH REGISTER

Baptized on January 12, 2014

Iylan Mae Gustafson

Born: August 10, 2013
Parents: Geoffery Michael Gustafson and
Jennifer Ann Gustafson
Sponsor: Sara A. Wendler
Minda Berndhardt

Claire Violet Thompson

Born: April 27, 2005
Parents: Joseph Thomas Thompson, II
Susan Anne Dodge
Sponsor: Jennifer Eisenberg

Sophia Cornelia Thompson

Born: January 31, 2007
Parents: Joseph Thomas Thompson, II
Susan Anne Dodge
Sponsor: Sibyl Seachrist



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

SUNDAY DATE	(1)	(2)
FEBRUARY 2	John & Helen Miller	
FEBRUARY 9	Maryann Eckert	
FEBRUARY 16	Charles Alexander	John & Barbara Graeter
FEBRUARY 23	Ellen Meyer Trust	
MARCH 2		
MARCH 9		John & Barbara Graeter
MARCH 16	Carroll Family	Bob & Betty Murphy
MARCH 23		
MARCH 30	John & Helen Miller	
APRIL 6	Ruth McDivitt	
APRIL 13		John & Barbara Graeter
APRIL 20	Frankvert Family	
APRIL 27		

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

We will kick off February with a combined Scout/ Youth Sunday on February 2nd! All scouts are encouraged to come in uniform that day. Scouts will help out at coffee hour after church and be a part of the procession! If you have not already done so, please let me know who your scouts are.

On Saturday, February 22nd we will have our annual Parish Retreat. This year, we will be at St. Thomas Episcopal Church. I have toured the facility and it is a great place for us to meet! There will be something for all ages, including nursery care for the youngest ones and special events for our children. Tickets are \$15/ person, free for 16 and under, and can be purchased in the parish hall each Sunday. More information is available in the messenger.

We will continue to meet at 9:00 a.m. for Gathering Time in the Auditorium each Sunday, then head to the classrooms.

Have a safe and happy winter!

Karen DiPace

Journey to Adulthood

Mary Ellen Kilp & Leslie Morgan, Co-Youth Directors

Don't miss a truly super Sunday at St. John's: **Youth and Scout Sunday**, on Sunday, February 2nd. Brooks Morgan will offer a special message at both services, and the 10:15 service will feature music selected by our teens. Two scouts, Brooks Morgan and Greyson Way, will receive a special scouting award.

It's not too late to sign up for the **next Happening event** for senior high teens. Scheduled for **February 14th-16th**, at Camp Mount Luther, this deeply spiritual experience encourages teens (and adult participants!) to explore their faith in a way that is open and real. A number of St. John's teens are attending, including: Emma Dipace, Amelia Dissinger, Aaron Hasircoglu, Cameron Hasircoglu and James Woolson. Mary Ellen and Bob Kilp will be serving on staff. Part of the experience is the sending of "caritas" letters: personal, hand written letters expressing encouragement and love to the recipient. Each person attending Happening receives a bag filled with letters. Please be in touch with Mary Ellen Kilp or Pastor Jennifer if you would like to write a letter.

It's not too early to start dreaming of pancakes....for dinner! Join the J2A during our annual **Shrove Tuesday pancake supper** on **Tuesday, March 4th** for a family friendly event. You can't beat the price and it's a great cause! More information see the flyer in the bulletin or Messenger.

Another great opportunity to support our J2A teens as they plan their pilgrimage: scrap booking! A two day **scrapbooking workshop will be offered on March 7th and 8th** at St. John's with proceeds benefiting our J2A pilgrimage. Look for more information to come or be in touch with Jen Hreben with any questions.

YOUTH CALENDAR OF EVENTS: 2014

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

Join the J2A for their 1st Annual 24 Hour

"CROP A THON!"

Friday March 7th 5:00 PM - 12:00 AM
&
Saturday March 8th 6:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Join us for 24 hours of cropping, stamping, and scrap booking. Are you new to scrapbooking? No problem, we'll be happy to help you get started on preserving all your precious memories.

Doors open at 5:00 pm Friday evening and light refreshments will be available all evening. Crop until 12:00 midnight! Leave all your items where they are and head home. We will open the doors again at 6:00 am Saturday. Breakfast will be served from 7:00 until 9:30. Pretzel sandwiches will be available for sale during lunch and a light supper will be provided Saturday night. Crop until 11:00 pm Saturday.

The cost will be:

Friday only: \$25

Saturday only: \$35

Both days: \$45



Door prizes and raffles will be awarded throughout the event. We look forward to seeing you there!

Register early as seating is limited! Registration will close on February 28th!

All proceeds will go towards the J2A pilgrimage fund.

See next page to Register...

J2A CROP A THON REGISTRATION

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ADDRESS: _____

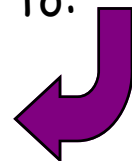
EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

Let us know if you have a table buddy and we will do our best to seat you together.

You can mail registrations and payment to:

Jenn Hreben
81 Den Mar Drive
Holtwood, PA 17532



Make checks payable to:

St. Johns Episcopal Church with 'J2A' in the memo line.

Be sure to invite a friend or two!

“THANK YOU”

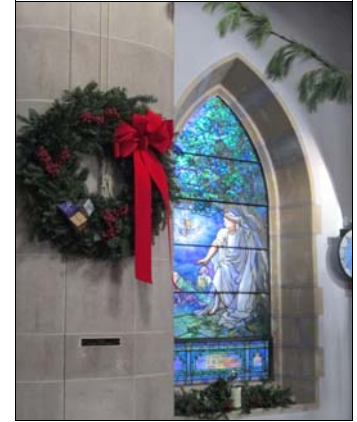
A special thanks to the following people who helped decorate the church for our Christmas celebration and who shared their gifts of artistry and giving us all a gift of beauty for Christmas.



*Hilary Becker
Linda Bruce
Tracy Cliff
Barbara Graeter
The Gross Family*

*Wayne LeFevre
Dave & Sue Martin
Carolyn Maxey
Patti Means
Aaron Spicher*

*Kimberly & Janice Henry
Mary Ellen & David Kilp*



MUSIC AND ITS SPIRITUAL MEANINGS

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Psalm 100:1-2

We all have our favorite genre of music: Classical, Country and Western, Jazz, Big Band, R&B, Hip Hop, or Rock and Roll. Along with our favorite genre of music come our favorite musicians and singers. It's the music we play regularly; the music we have programmed on our smartphones, our Pandora music page, and the radio station we play in our cars. These are the songs that bring back certain memories, be them happy or sad, that we cherish. This is also true of the music we sing here at St. John's, the music in The Hymnal, Wonder, Love and Praise and Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS) that always bring back a certain distinct memory: the hymns sung at a Christmas Eve or an Easter Sunday service or the hymns sung at a wedding or a funeral. Somehow, the music always seems to unite us all together.

After a month of listening (and re-listening) to multiple musicians, I'm inviting all St. John's members to take part in our Adult Education classes this February where we'll be listening to music. I've arranged this into four separate weeks with distinct titles because the music I'll be presenting is similar to certain Bible letters, verses, acts and psalms.

Week 1: The Letters of Stevie Wonder

Week 2: Verses about Rivers (Loggins and Messina and Grateful Dead)

Week 3: The Acts of Jerry Garcia and Branford Marsalis

Week 4: The Psalms of Van Morrison

I'd like all of you to join in listening to these musicians so we can talk about they expressed their spirituality with song (music and lyrics). After listening to them, I'd like us to speak about how music affects us spiritually, both as individuals and as a group.

Submitted by, *Julie Gittens*

THE WORD OF THE LORD

My name is Tom Bond. I joined St. John's about a year ago and a few weeks after that I joined the Worship Committee as well as signed on to be a lector at the 10:15 liturgy. The Worship Committee is in the midst of planning a workshop/educational gathering for all lectors of St. John's. Details are below but there will also be an invitation sent out very soon. I offer the following reflection for your consideration.

In these weeks following Epiphany, we hear read at liturgy from Isaiah and the early books of the Old Testament about the Law (Commandments). Both Isaiah and Moses present us with characters that God chooses despite their own misgivings about their abilities to speak or the authority or power they perceive themselves to lack. They realize, as they answer God's call and challenge, that their authority or power comes not from themselves but from God and the Word given them to share with the people of Israel. That message is that the darkness and despair that has been the plight of the people has been dispelled by a great light; the many abuses and injustices they faced as a people will no longer be their plight as they enter into a covenant with God and follow the law.

Moses and Isaiah were sent by God to a people in exile and not necessarily open to hearing God's message. Both faced men of great power. Despite what they felt was lacking, they realized that they were God's instruments. They were God's means of proclaiming the Word. And it was God that made up in them what was lacking but more importantly called forth from them the gifts given them when they were created.

Every liturgical minister, clergy and lay alike, is an Isaiah or Moses, an instrument of God enabled to do God's bidding. The examples above is particularly appropriate for lectors or *proclaimers* of the Word because it illustrates exactly what our service is about. The Word God calls us to proclaim has many functions in the liturgy and in our lives but the most important is "to build and to plant." God calls us to service and enables us with the tools to do it.

But service at the liturgy as a lector is a bit more involved. We must recognize the call we've received and nurture the gifts God gave us to perform this service. A lector must develop the gift of proclamation (lecturing is more than simply reading words on a page), a lector must grow spiritually and recognize God's activity in her or his life and discern God's will for us. A lector must grow in the knowledge of the Holy Scriptures. A lector must determine what God chooses to share in a given passage, recognize what form God is using to share a particular message as well as the audience that message is directed towards.

As in Isaiah's and Moses' circumstances, a lector must also recognize that his or her role is one of communicator. A good communicator uses every tool in his or her repertoire to get their (God's) message across in the best way. Sure, the other members of the community have the reading printed in their bulletins. Wouldn't it be something if, as a lector, your proclamation was so moving and effective that the bulletins are forgotten? Wouldn't it be something if your proclamation was truly a means by which God touched the hearts and minds of all listeners? It does happen and more often than we could possibly realize.

All of this boils down to the fact that lectors must often take time to strengthen their gifts and to grow in their knowledge of Scripture and communication. The Worship committee is planning such an opportunity on March 10th, from 6-9:30 PM, in the parish hall. All lectors currently volunteering their service will be invited to a workshop session which will include a spiritual reflection on Scripture and Liturgy, a presentation on effective communication, and a discussion/presentation on the "nuts and bolts" of the job. Not only will this be an opportunity for current lectors but also an invitation to those considering taking on this service of the community (contact the parish office, if interested).

THE WORD OF THE LORD (CONTINUED)

This will be the second opportunity offered to the lectors of the parish. There was session held at the end of October in which about 10 lectors participated. The result was a very positive response to the opportunity for them to share their perspectives and listen to those of others. I hope the other lectors unable to attend in October will be able to do so in March. Look in the bulletin for further details and reminders.

Submitted by,
Tom Bond

VOYAGERS



VOYAGERS is pleased to welcome Coleen Kayden as our speaker at our February 22nd meeting at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Coleen has been a staff and consultant pharmacist for Williams Apothecary here in Lancaster since 1986. Coleen is going to talk about generic drugs and supplements. There will be ample time for her to answer your questions.

She is a past recipient of the Pennsylvania Pharmacists' Association Pharmacist of the Year and the Distinguished Alumni Award for the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. Coleen has been involved in presentations on the local, state and national level concerning pain management, Alzheimer's disease and dementia. She has chaired various committees and task forces for the PA Pharmacists Association and currently serves on the board of the PPA Educational Foundation.

Please join us and bring a friend to learn more about these important subjects and enjoy some relaxed fellowship.

Dan Farmer

POPCORN THEOLOGY

“Central Park 5”

Friday, February 14 - 7:00 p.m.—Parish Hall

In 1989, five black and Latino teenagers from Harlem were arrested and later convicted of raping a white woman in New York City's Central Park. They spent between 6 and 13 years in prison before a serial rapist confessed that he alone had committed the crime, leading to their convictions being overturned. Set against a backdrop of a decaying city beset by violence and racial tension, **THE CENTRAL PARK FIVE** tells the story of that horrific crime, the rush to judgment by the police, a media clamoring for sensational stories and an outraged public, and the five lives upended by this miscarriage of justice.

JUBILEE MINISTRIES



COMMUNITY BREAKFAST—(Contact: Sue Martin)

"Volunteers Welcome!"

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15: 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!



"CALLING ALL KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS!"



We need your time and talent. Would you consider making an item, or more, for our ministry? Specifically, we are in need of warm hats, scarves, mittens or you might want to donate a lap robe for Conestoga View residents.

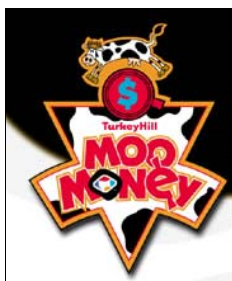
Do you want to create a prayer shawl? That would be awesome. We will be working with our LEVs to facilitate delivery to parishioners which means that we will need more shawls.

Our knitted items help either directly or indirectly in our community.

Disclaimer: Something wonderful may happen. Make that WILL happen!

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.



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.

JUBILEE MINISTRIES (CONTINUED)

Fulton School Partnership

Here is another way to strengthen our Fulton School Partnership, extend the Angel Tree project from Christmas, and practice our belief in the Millennium Development Goal of Achieving Universal Primary Education. We have recently heard from the school that there are many children in need of warm clothing and other necessary items to wear to school. During the month of February, there will be a special "Valentine Box" to fill with the following requested items. The Helping Heart Box will be on the table in the Eagle's Nest area of the Parish Hall.

Needed Clothing:

1. Navy blue sweat pants, with elastic around the ankles, in sizes extra small, small, medium, and large
2. Underpants - sizes 4,5, and 6 for girls (extra small, small, medium)
sizes 4,5, and 6 for boys (extra small, small, medium)
3. Boys pants and shirts - all sizes needed (size 4 to 12/14)
4. Girls pants and shirts - all sizes (4 to 12/14)
5. Warm overclothing (see requirements below)
6. Child sized mittens and hats

Uniform Requirements:

Tops: White, navy or light blue, collared button-down shirts or blouses, turtlenecks, collared polo shirts

Bottoms: Navy or Tan

Girls - slacks, cargo-style pants, skirts, skorts, shorts, capris or jumpers

Boys - slacks, cargo pants or shorts

Overclothing: White, navy or light blue, cardigans, V-neck, crewneck and turtleneck sweaters or sweater vests over collared shirts or blouses.

Where to Shop:

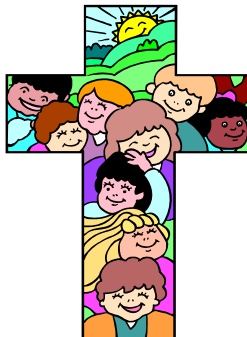
Old Navy and Walmart have a small selection.

There are immediate needs as well which include sneakers, shoes, and sox.

Please ask how you can help to solve this dire problem as well as fill the Valentine box with requested items. Thank you.

Submitted by,

Sue Martin



JUBILEE MINISTRIES (CONTINUED)

“Building Hope” at St. John’s

At the 2013 Vestry Retreat, there was a consensus reached that we needed to find one need in our community that had not been addressed and find a way to meet it. At the same time, students from Lancaster Catholic High School were looking for a home for a new ministry they were trying to establish. They wanted a safe meeting place where they could host other high school age kids who were at risk. Out of these two circumstances, St. John’s became the temporary home for Building Hope.

The Catholic High students were not cast in your image of a typical private school kid. They themselves had experienced homelessness, teen pregnancy, bullying, gang violence, substance abuse, parental abuse and sexual abuse. They presented their idea to over a dozen institutions before we came into the picture. They even raised enough funds to carry them through 2013.

They have been meeting at St. John’s since February 2013. In August, the Vestry established certain conditions that would have to be met in order for Building Hope to become a permanent ministry at St. John’s in 2014. By November, the conditions had been substantially met and at the December meeting, the Vestry voted unanimously to affirm Building Hope as part of our Jubilee Ministries. In January two of our own young people, James Glazier and Emily Gross agreed to lend their professional talents to assisting with leadership in the program.

We had a number of other successes during December and January that need to be recognized:

- The St. Nick’s Knit Sale raised over \$1,700. to support Eagles Nest and other Jubilee Ministries;
- The ECW Angel Tree effort resulted in gifts for 106 children who might not have received anything otherwise;
- The Martin Luther King Concert by the Lancaster Community Chorus raised over \$550. for Music For Everyone’s effort to bring music to our schools; and
- The Martin Luther King Day of Service program provided lessons of service as well as fun for 32 children from the neighborhood.

Thank you to everyone who played a part in our efforts to reach out and serve our neighbors. On February 16, Martha’s Ministry will be honored at our services. Please thank the ladies for their generous gifts of their talents.

Submitted by,

John Gouveia

"Inequality For All"

Thursday, February 6, 2014

6 p.m.

Penn Cinema, 541 Airport Rd, Lititz, PA 17543

Tickets, \$4.00 (payable at the door)



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Lancaster Interchurch Peace Witness



Justice, Reconciliation and Peace Committee

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This Sundance award-winning documentary addresses, with humor and fact, the income gap that exists in the United States today. Created by Robert Reich, best-selling author, former Secretary of Labor in the Clinton administration, and a foremost expert on economics, this movie is not to be missed by anyone who wants to understand the economic problems in our country and hear about the solutions and policy changes that will move us forward.

Refreshments available. A brief, facilitated, discussion will follow the screening.

Advanced reservations are strongly suggested.

There is limited seating for this show. Please e-mail lancasterinterchurchpeacewitness@yahoo.com to reserve seats.

MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The Lenten Season will be upon us before we know it. It is a time for reflection and for many, giving something up. The MDG January meeting discussion was very reflective in anticipation of planning for Lent. We asked, what if instead of just giving something up, we could also, *take up* something new? If your sacrifice is a special treat you buy every day, think about *taking up* a new organization to support with that money. You could *take up* something new and help to buy a Bicycle, support educational programs, buy educational supplies, a goat or a Well with clean water? The “giving season” does not need to ever be over.

Imagine for a moment, we lived in a world with no Cars. Now for me, I work from home so getting to work would not be an issue. I do live in a rural area so, getting groceries, visiting family and friends, going to the Dr and coming to Church would be a challenge to say the least. It's about 10 miles to the Grocery and 15 miles to Church and, there are a lot of hills in between! Walking would take up a lot of time to say the least and I would likely make a lot of tough choices about where I really needed to go and how often. What could someone who lives in a world like that, do with a Bicycle vs walking?

If you have not already checked out the bulletin board in the Parish hall, look for the MDG display of the 5 organizations being supported by St. John's: Rafiki Africa, World Bicycle Relief, Heifer International, Marion Medical Mission and Global Family. Your *continued* support will help our work towards the MDG goals that St. John's is promoting:

***“Achieving universal primary education” and,
“Eradicating extreme poverty and hunger around the world”***

Take away handouts are available and again, when giving, you are encouraged to send your donations directly to the organization(s) you choose.

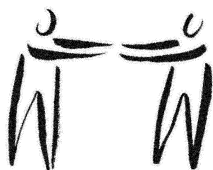
Getting back to Lent, the MDG committee is coordinating a program on Sunday evenings, for the 6 weeks beginning 3/9/14 and ending Palm Sunday. The program title is, “I Am—One World”. The title alone stirs up a great deal of reflection and more details of each evening's programs planned will be coming. Speaking of stirring, we will, again have a Meatless Potluck dinner at 5pm, beginning each program at 6pm and plan to end the evening at 7pm with clean up, reflection and conversation.

We will be supporting the “Soles for Souls” program again this year. Start collecting and saving *shoes, lots of shoes* and more info of when and where to bring them will be announced.

And, as always if you are interested in getting involved, the MDG committee meets the first Thursday of every month at 7 pm. 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



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
Rob Ashton
Darlene Bentley
Craig & Kim Brennan
Kay Bush
Faith D'Urbano
Linda Frederiksen
Mary Lou Heilman
Bill & Lois Herzog
Joan Lahr
Debby Linton
William K. Miller
Jay & Nancy Mone
Nancy Nemith
Mary Power
Robert & Joan Power
Sue Purdy
Helen Souders
Christian Stigelman
Teresa Sullivan
Judy Tighe
Leeton Thomas
Eric Todd
Garth*

*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 December gave \$449 to Jubilee. Our total for the year 2013 was \$5348. This is \$155 less than we gave to Jubilee in 2012. Come on folks! 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**

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Ackerman, Parker	1
Alexander, Garth	1
Brenton, Nancy	12
Burlingame, Susan	18
Carroll, Andrew	22
Carroll, Anne	28
Clark, Natalie	23
Cliff, Sean	19
Di Pace, Emma	21
Donnelly, Ryan	26
Farmer, Dan	8
Glazier, Mary	19
Glew, Dyls	23
Gordon, Emily	24
Grosh, Kaitlin	10
Kilhefner, Joanie	7
Latshaw, Alexandru	9
Le, Thong	10
Lyon, Bob	9
Maxey, Carolyn	17
Michel, Rodney	7
Miller, Ben	10
Miller, Jed	10
Morris, John	2
Murphy, Bob	16
Ogwang, Alice	2
Qualls, Scott	12
Rahe, Joan	24
Roden, Lynn	3
Ross, Glenn	25
Springer, Katherine	24
Stone, Kylie	3
Stonerook, Chris	24
Strickler, Rosemary	4
Sullivan, Teresa	10
Thompson, Joe	16
Tobie, Alan	12
Way, Greyson	14
Way, Joe	13
Wendler, Callen	12
Wendler, Isabella	14
Wenger, Rylan	24
Woolson, Mary	21
Yackly, Isabell	21
Youngquist, Phyllis	14
Zuke, Sue	3

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Bedi, Michael & Melissa	02/12/2000
Davis, Paul & Maggie	02/26/1993
Henry, Kevin & Janice	02/20/1982
Kane, Howard & Edith	02/24/1962
Limroth, Dave & Jackie	02/15/1958



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.

**THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT
ARTICLES FOR THE
MARCH, 2014 "MESSENGER":**

FEBRUARY 17, 2014

SERVING SCHEDULE – FEBRUARY, 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!"*

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	Aidan Cliff
Server	Joanie Kilhefner	James Woolson
Torch Bearer	—	Conor Brenton, Michael Thomson
Crucifer	—	Glenn Miller
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	—	Emma DiPace
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Emma DiPace, Amelia Dissinger, Danielle DiPace, Helena Carroll, Penny Rhodes, Anna Gail Looker-Fenn
Greeter	—	Peter Novosel
Coffee Hour	Scouts	Scouts
Nursery	—	Katie Mausolf

FEBRUARY 9	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Laurie Eaton	Sue Purdy, Michael Stank
Eucharistic Visitor	—	Karen Latshaw, Sue Martin
Lector	Peter Eaton	Frank Cummins
Server	—	Aaron Hasircoglu
Torch Bearer	—	Miriam Lester, Kendall Morgan
Crucifer	—	Dave Pennell
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Steeple Bell Ringer	—	Danielle DiPace
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team B
Greeter	—	Dave Martin
Coffee Hour		Altar Guild
Nursery	—	Mary Waskowicz

FEBRUARY 16	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	James Glazier	Judy Arnold, Sibyl Freeman
Eucharistic Visitor	—	Peter Novosel, Honamans
Lector	Sue Tobie	Tom Bond
Server	Joanie Kilhefner	Dylan Stone
Torch Bearer	—	Kylie Stone, Michael Thomson
Crucifer	—	Aaron Spicher
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Steeple Bell Ringer	—	Amelia Dissinger
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team C
Greeter	—	Carolyn Maxey
Coffee Hour	Community Breakfast	Community Breakfast
Nursery	—	Jen Hreben

FEBRUARY 23	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Merle Schnee	Barbara McGraw, Peter Novosel
Eucharistic Visitor	Stephanie McGovern	TBD
Lector	Fred Bush	Joel Cliff
Server	—	Michael Hreben
Torch Bearer	—	Conor Brenton, Sean Cliff
Crucifer	—	Bob Kilp
Altar Guild	Team 4	Team 4
Steeple Bell Ringer	—	Tierza Mendez
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team D
Greeter	—	Ted Loose
Coffee Hour		Vestry
Nursery	—	Tracy Cliff

MARCH 2	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Ricky Smith	David Dissinger, Katie Mausolf
Eucharistic Visitor	TBD	TBD
Lector	Bob lee	Phil Purdy
Server	Joanie Kilhefner	Emma DiPace
Torch Bearer	—	Danielle DiPace, Natalie Visco
Crucifer	—	Glenn Miller
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	—	Maxwell Lester
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	—	Brad Zuke
Coffee Hour		Stewardship
Nursery	—	Phyllis Gbur

FEBRUARY 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 3RD SUN AFTER EPIPHANY Convocation Bowling Event Vestry Commissioning 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 9:15 AM Parish Mini-Meeting (PH) 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 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 Handbell Choir 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM St Augustine (AP)	31 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 2:00 PM Public Safety (AP)	1 Vestry Retreat 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Private Gathering (Choir Rm & Church)
2 PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD Scout/Youth 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)	3 Diocesan Clergy Conference 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)	4 Diocesan Clergy Conference 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)	5 Diocesan Clergy Conference 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	6 11:00 AM Memorial Service (Myers) 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)	7 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP)	8
9 5TH SUN AFTER EPIPHANY Theological Education 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)	10 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM VA (AP) 7:00 PM Executive Committee (BH)	11 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) 7:00 PM Jubilee Meeting (BH)	12 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 7:00 PM Finance Committee (BH)	13 7:30 PM Handbell Choir 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM St Augustine (AP)	14 "Happening" Youth Event 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 7:00 PM Popcorn Theology (PH)	15 "Happening" Youth Event 7:30 AM St. John's Serves Breakfast @ 1st Reformed 5:30 PM Traditional Dance (Aud)
16 "Happening" Youth Event 6TH SUN AFTER EPIPHANY Knitter 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)	17 MESSENGER DEADLINE President's Day (Office is Closed) 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM VA (AP) 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting (PH)	18 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)	19 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) 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Fulton School Improvement Program (PH & AP) 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	20 7:30 PM Handbell Choir 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM St Augustine (AP)	21 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP)	22 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM PARISH RETREAT at St. Thomas 10:00 AM Voyagers (PH)
23 7TH SUN AFTER EPIPHANY Lector 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)	24 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM VA (AP)	25 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)	26 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	27 7:30 PM Handbell Choir 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM St Augustine (AP)	28 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP)	1