



# *St. John's Messenger*

**April, 2014**

*from Fr. John W. Morris, Rector*

## **PALM PASSION SUNDAY**

Palm Sunday? Passion Sunday? Which is it? For Episcopalians it is both. Since the introduction of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer the official name of the Sunday before Easter is, “The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday”.

This has not always been the case, even though this was the earliest intent. In the 1549 Prayer Book it was titled simply, “The Sunday next before Easter”. There was no reenactment of the triumphant entrance of Jesus to Jerusalem - no grand procession into the church or blessing of palms – because those of the English Reformation had an aversion to the blessing of material things. Not until the 1928 Prayer Book was the title, “Commonly called Palm Sunday” reintroduced, and in the decades following, was the reading of Christ’s entering Jerusalem added to the lectionary.

The palm procession has its origin in the Holy Week ceremonies of the church in Jerusalem in the fourth century. Faithful pilgrims gathered on this day on the Mount of Olives. With singing and waving of branches they escorted the bishop, riding in their midst on a donkey, into the city. By the sixth century a procession had become part of the ceremonies throughout the Roman Catholic Church with the blessing and distribution of palms becoming the common practice three centuries later.

What has always been at the center of Palm Passion Sunday has been the reading from one of the Gospels of the Passion of Christ – his arrest and trial before Pilate and his crucifixion and death. In medieval times the recital of the Passion was performed with great solemnity and took the character of a sacred oratorio. Different cantors chanted the words said by the respective people in the drama – Judas, Caiaphas, Peter, Pilate, Jesus. Another cantor sang the narrative passages, and the choir took the part of the crowd. Following the Reformation members of the congregation were included in the devotionals. This has become the template for our reading of the Passion on Palm Sunday.

This year on Palm Passion Sunday at St. John’s we will elaborate on that practice. Whereas in the past different readers representing different figures assembled in front of the congregation, this year we will have just four readers, representing different voices of the congregation, reading from the center of the church.

This model was suggested by Tom Bond who chairs our Lector ministry and who taught Liturgy at Notre Dame University. It retains the ancient tradition but makes it less like “a play” and more recognizable as a proclamation of the Gospel. It changes the focus from a Gospel proclamation to the congregation, to a Gospel proclamation by the congregation. It honors our understanding of liturgy and the precise meaning of that word: “the work of the people”

Palm Passion Sunday spans the ministry of Jesus from triumph to death, and carries us emotionally from exaltation to grief. It shows to us in Jesus the fullness of our humanity and of his divinity. Palm and Passion belong together because they represent the Oneness of Christ and his Oneness with us. It deserves to be called Palm Passion Sunday.

*John+*

# **MDG CHALLENGES FOR APRIL**

## **Lenten Theme 2014..... “I Am - One World”**

### **MDG Challenge for April 6th**

Twenty years ago today, on April 6, 1994, a plane carrying President Habyarimana, a Hutu, was shot down. Violence began almost immediately after that. Under the cover of war, Hutu extremists launched their plans to destroy the entire Tutsi civilian population. Political leaders who might have been able to take charge of the situation and other high profile opponents of the Hutu extremist plans were killed immediately. Tutsi and people suspected of being Tutsi were killed in their homes and as they tried to flee at roadblocks set up across the country during the genocide. Entire families were killed at a time. Women were systematically and brutally raped. It is estimated that some 200,000 people participated in the perpetration of the Rwandan genocide. In the weeks after April 6, 1994, 800,000 men, women, and children perished in the Rwandan genocide, perhaps as many as three quarters of the Tutsi population. At the same time, thousands of Hutu were murdered because they opposed the killing campaign and the forces directing it. Today is the 20th anniversary of the genocide in Rwanda. Let us hold these people in our thoughts and prayers and actively participate for peace in our midst and in our world.

### **MDG Challenge for April 13th, Palm Sunday**

*Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.*

Six weeks ago, we each stepped into the Lenten season. Many of you made commitments stepping toward peace, stepping toward sharing kindness, stepping toward caring for our brothers and sisters regardless of their beliefs. As we envision Christ taking those steps on Palm Sunday, envision your steps beyond this holy season and how to continue care to those in our midst and in our one world. We do not have to see an end to begin a journey.

### **MDG Challenge for April 20th, Easter**

**I Am - One World**

Blessings to all.

### **MDG Challenge for April 27th**

“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.”

*Dr. Seuss*

Forgot your food donation for the Food Bank? No Problem!

The ushers will be glad to accept them any week because we still have hungry people.

And.....thanks for caring!

## THE REV. JENNIFER E. LOOKER

*“We are the Church of tomorrow and the Church of today; we are the youth of the Episcopal Church in Central Pennsylvania”.* The teens of our diocese have a clear sense of identity and call: they are diverse in backgrounds, gifts and talents, but united in worship, fellowship, fun and laughter. Perhaps most striking is the sense of community. The friendships developed between our teens at diocesan events often last a lifetime *and yet*, our teens work hard- really hard- to build upon these relationships with new friends, creating a community that is both tightly bonded and open to newcomers.

In their own words, *“As a community of faith we are always looking for new people to join us and share in our fellowship. We look for those who wish to grow in their faith, define their faith, question their faith and those who may have no faith at all. Our hearts are open to explore endless possibilities, amazing mysteries, and the spectacular works of God in our every day lives. Our main task is to take the love we receive at events and spread it throughout the world. In all of our works we strive to show the love of God and make the world a better place by sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”* We have a lot to learn from our teens as a church.

At St. John's, we are blessed by an extraordinary group of young people that have become known as leaders in our diocese. In large part because of the energy, love and support they receive from Mary Ellen Kilp, our J2A Youth Ministry Co-Coordinator and Diocesan Youth Ministry Co-Coordinator (not to mention all-around amazing woman), our teens are deeply invested in the work of the larger church. A few examples? Five teens from St. John's recently attended “Happenings”, a diocesan youth designed and lead retreat held at Camp Mount Luther. Emma DiPace, Amelia Dissinger, Aaron Hasircoglu, James Woolson and Cameron Watts represented St. John's as they explored their faith in what is consistently described as a “life-changing experience”. If you are curious- ask them about it! Joanie Kilhefner, a graduating senior at St. John's, served as staff.

Two of our teens, Emma DiPace and James Woolson, attended a Province III youth event in March. This annual gathering of high school teens from Province III (including dioceses from Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland) was held at the North Bay Adventure Camp. The event included amazing speakers, small group experiences, ropes courses, games, live music and ample worship. It is a wonderful way to connect with other youth in the Episcopal Church.

Later this summer our diocese will be sending twenty four teens to the Episcopal Youth Event, a gathering of teens from across the Episcopal Church that happens every three years (similar to convention). This year's EYE will take place at Villanova University in Philadelphia. David Kilp, a young adult from St. John's, is serving in an internship for the Diocese of Pennsylvania and is contributing in a significant way to the organization and implementation of EYE.

Teens and children are all-too often dubbed the church of “tomorrow”, but as our teens rightly name, they are also the church of today. We are blessed by the extraordinary witness of these young people to the love and grace of our Lord, a love that they show, both on their lips and in their lives.

*Jennifer+*



*The Standing Committee  
of  
The Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania*

*invite your presence at*

*A Celebration of the Ministry*

*Honoring*

*The Right Reverend Doctor Nathan D. Baxter, D. Min., S.T.D., D.H.L., D.D.*

*And*

*Mary Ellen Baxter*

*11 o'clock in the morning*

*The third day of May*

*In the year of our Lord*

*Two thousand fourteen*

*The Cathedral Church of St. Stephen*

*221 North Front Street*

*Harrisburg, Pennsylvania*

*Reception Following*

*Clergy: white stoles*

*RSVP by Monday, April 15  
Julie Valora, 814-237-7659  
office@standrewsc.org*

## INTERIM BISHOP

*from Bishop Nathan D. Baxter*

Dear Sisters and Brothers of Central Pennsylvania,

It is my pleasure to announce that last week, the Standing Committee voted to nominate the Right Reverend Robert Gepert, D.D. as Provisional Bishop (Interim Bishop) of our Diocese. The election will take place at the 2014 Diocesan Convention (June 13-14). This choice has been done in consultation with the Presiding Bishop's Office and my support. He will join us later in Lent as Assisting Bishop until the vote of Convention and will then lead the Diocese through this current discernment season and the consecration of the next Diocesan Bishop on September 12, 2015.

Bishop Gepert has ministered as a parish priest and Cathedral Dean in the Dioceses of Bethlehem, Washington and Easton (Maryland); and has served as Diocesan Bishop of Western Michigan for 11 years. He and his wife, Anne Labat-Gepert, are recently retired and living in Lancaster, PA.

The Standing Committee and I are presently completing final details regarding beginning dates and transition matters, including his visits around the Diocese. Such matters will be shared with you in the next few weeks. However, I wanted you to be formally aware of this decision and to invite us all to lift up Bishop Gepert and his wife, Anne, in our customary spirit of prayer and welcome.

Yours in Christ,

+*Nathan*

## UNITED THANK OFFERING

Dear St. John's Family,



Our Spring United Thank Offering will be Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

As we collect blessings each and every day, we have an opportunity to reflect on these blessings and then give prayerful thanks for them through our United Thank Offerings.

UTO grants help change the world. They support and aid many individuals and families. Thank you, St. John's, for always remembering your blessings, giving thanks, and supporting the United Thank Offering so generously.

Sincerely,

*Phyllis M. Gbur*  
UTO Coordinator

## SENIOR WARDEN

### *The Celebration of Faithfulness*

Most Vestry resolutions have to do with actions that are proposed for the future. In its February meeting, the Vestry passed a resolution that related to things that had already been done — a lot of them! We wanted to acknowledge the many fine contributions to St. John's that had been made by Cynthia Minnich over the last decade — particularly in her position as Rector's Warden, from which she retired just recently. And so the following tribute was given to her at the March 16th Parish meeting, and we repeat it here for those who were unable to attend that meeting.

In celebration of the retirement of Cynthia Minnich from more than eleven years service as Rector's Warden of St. John's Church, the Vestry expresses its deep appreciation and warm regard for her in the following:

To Cynthia H. Minnich

For your concern and care for St. John's physical campus, evidenced especially in the significant role you played in the renovation of Becker House, your support of the Courtyard Committee, and the tireless way that you continued the efforts of your husband Al on the Property Committee ...

For contributing to the worship life and setting of St. John's, especially by your work on the Altar Guild and the extraordinary gift of the flags in the nave ...

For your unfaltering participation in the communal life of St. John's both by your presence at virtually all functions in the Parish Hall and by your frequent hosting of smaller groups in your home — and for opening your life to conversation and friendships in these settings ...

For your supportive attention to the financial operation of St. John's by your supervision of the counters and grocery card sales, along with your knowledge of the more intricate workings of our financial management ...

For your many other contributions to various of St. John's organizations, such as the annual supply of impatiens for the ECW sales ...

For your diligence in assisting the administrative functions of St. John's through participation in the Executive Committee and Vestry, and particularly for your work as Warden for three successive Rectors, providing, so to speak, shepherding for First John, Second John and Third John ...

And for giving us an example of faithful stewardship to God and St. John's by the gracious and faithful way that you lived your life in our midst, capturing our trust and our hearts ...

We, the 2014 Vestry of St. John's Church, on this seventeenth day of February, 2014, do congratulate and celebrate this transition in your life, expressing to you our gratitude, love and prayers for what you have been and, God helping, what you will continue to be in our Parish.

Submitted by,

*John Herzog, Senior Warden*

## ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to the following parishioners who will represent St. John's as Delegates and Alternates at the 2014 Diocesan Convention in June.

### Delegates

John Herzog (Chair), Mary Ellen Kilp, Marylee Sauder, and Aaron Spicher

### Alternates

David Kilp and Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer

## VESTRY RESOLUTIONS

### VESTRY MEETING: MARCH 17, 2014

1. MM Architects—Resolved, that the vestry approves the expensing from the Labyrinth Restricted Fund an amount of \$7737.25 to MM Architects for invoice #14-02-65.
2. 2013 Parochial Report—Resolved, that the St. John's vestry upon review approves the 2013 Parochial Report.
3. Resolved, that the St John's Vestry approve the expenditure of \$1730.00 payable to Brentmore Construction after the completion of the repair work. This expenditure is to be attributed to the Building Repairs line item 01-5140.

## PARISH REGISTER



### *Wedding*

Sarah Heider & Michael Briggs  
February 7, 2014

Michael is serving in the United States Marine Corps and  
stationed in South Korea until October, 2014.  
Sarah will reside in Lancaster with her parents, Mike & Doreen Heider.

## POPCORN THEOLOGY

### *“No Place On Earth”*

Friday, April 11, 2014 - 7:00 p.m. - Parish Hall

While mapping out the largest cave system in Ukraine, explorer and investigator Chris Nicola discovers evidence that five Jewish families spent nearly a year and a half in the pitch-black caves to escape the Nazis. This is the story of the longest uninterrupted underground survival in recorded human history.

Questions? Contact *Debbie Carter*



## TREASURER'S REPORT

I am sure that we are all glad to see this winter come to an end. February was a difficult month for anyone attempting to get to or from the church. It is no surprise that both our pledged and non-pledged contributions were down from our projected budget level. Fortunately, we still had cash from the end of last year and the extra boost from those that paid their entire pledge in January. Just a reminder that if you find it difficult to keep track of where you are with respect to your pledge, using the automated electronic transfer will keep you up to date. In case you were wondering, the single monthly electronic transfer transaction is less expensive for St. John's than processing 4 or 5 weekly checks.

Expenses for the month of February are as we all would expect. Everything is under or on budget with the exception of Snow and Ice Removal. At \$3357 we have spent nearly twice our allotted amount. In spite of this uncontrollable expense, our Property Committee and Property Manager have managed to keep the total Property Ministries expenses well within budget.

Beginning next month, I will again add monthly and year-to-date income and expense numbers to my monthly note. I have not included them up until now, because the first two months are usually A-typical. As always, if you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any member of the Finance Committee or Vestry.

Submitted by,

*Steve Latshaw*  
Treasurer

## 2014 ECUMENICAL LUNCHEONS & WORSHIP

**Offering to Benefit:**  
**Lancaster County Council of Churches'**  
**Winter Shelter**

**Luncheon:** 11:15 a.m. (Donation to Host Church: \$5)

**Worship:** 12:15 p.m.

Join us for the following remaining Fridays in Lent as we continue to meet at different churches for lunch and worship. This year's preaching theme is: "Around Liberation Theology" and the speakers are indicated below.

 **April 4—at St. John's Episcopal Church;** Minister Naomi Leapheart of St. Peter's UCC

April 11—at Hamilton Park UCC; Pastor Carmen Horst of James Street Mennonite



# EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS



**THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING MEMORIALS IS: APRIL 13**

We will be compiling our Easter Flower Memorial list for the bulletins from the following form. Please complete and return this form to the church office via the offering plate or the U.S. mail, along with your donation check made payable to: **ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH** and note **EASTER FLOWERS**. Thank you for your contribution and if you have any questions, please call our church office.

**IN MEMORY OF:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GIVEN BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DONATION AMOUNT ENCLOSED:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

### April 13 - *Palm Sunday*

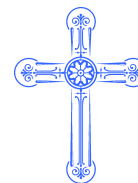
- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I with Blessed Palms
- 10:15 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist Rite II with Procession

### April 17 - *Maundy Thursday*

- 7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing, and Stripping of the Altar
- 8:45 p.m. Vigil until after the 12:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

### April 18 - *Good Friday*

- 7:30 a.m. Youth Good Friday Liturgy with Communion
- 12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross with Communion
- 7:30 p.m. Choral Good Friday Liturgy with Communion



### April 19 - *Great Vigil of Easter Eve*

- 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil with Renewal of Baptism (*with Incense*)

### April 20 - *Easter Day*

- 7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 8:30 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist Rite II with Renewal of Baptismal Vows
- 9:30 a.m. Parish Breakfast
- 10:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt (*for Toddlers through 3rd grade*)
- 11:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist Rite II with Renewal of Baptismal Vows



# Easter Egg Hunt

**EASTER DAY!**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Toddlers Through 3rd Grade**

## *“Join Us for Breakfast!”*

Our annual Easter Breakfast has been a celebratory tradition for many years, serving about 100 people between the second and third services (approximately 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.). This event has been facilitated primarily by members of the Hand Bell Choir. With the expansion of an additional set-up in the All Purpose Room (which last year seated 30 people who are essentially involved with musical aspects of the services), we are asking for help from other volunteers. Here is what you can do to support this project.

1. Help in the kitchen to cook the food, make coffee, prepare last minute fruit and muffin tasks: Sunday, April 20, 8:00 a.m.
2. Help to serve food, keep buffet tables filled both in Parish Hall and downstairs: Sunday, April 20, 9:15-10:30 a.m.
3. Help to keep continuous dishwashing going from breakfast start to finish.
4. Facilitate clean-up during the 11:00 a.m. service, so that first shift folks can go to church.

***If you would like to help, be sure to contact Sue Martin. Thank you.***



## 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 **April - June, 2014**. The blank areas remain available. Thank you for supporting this ministry at St. John's.



SUNDAY DATE	(1)	(2)
APRIL 6	Ruth McDivitt	
APRIL 13	John & Barbara Graeter	
APRIL 20	Frankvert Family	
APRIL 27		
MAY 4	Kilp Family	
MAY 11		
MAY 18	Gross Family	Rich & Tammy Collier
MAY 25	Patti Means	John & Helen Miller
JUNE 1	Kilp Family	
JUNE 8	Charles Alexander	
JUNE 15	Scott & Sherry Qualls	
JUNE 22	Phil & Hilary Becker	
JUNE 29	Hartman Trust	

### *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](mailto:patti@stjohns-lancaster.org)***

## STEWARDSHIP

### *Stewardship: “Sharing Our God-Given Gifts” Survey (Coming Soon)*

You’ve been hearing a lot about SHARING from your Stewardship team this year – we’ve asked people to share many things:

- STORIES ABOUT FAITH and PARISH LIFE,
- YOUR MONEY,
- STORIES ABOUT MONEY, and
- STORIES about our BUILDINGS.

Now we’re going to ask you, the members of our parish community, to share your **God-given gifts in service**, and we’re going to do that through a survey, entitled (appropriately) **Sharing Our God-Given Gifts**.

This will be a tool to help us build relationships within and beyond our parish by **connecting us to ministry opportunities where we will be effective**, while also enabling us to sustain and even expand our parish’s ministries.

We have asked Vestry Stewards to provide us with lists of ministry opportunities in their respective areas of ministry, and we’re creating a survey, a list of opportunities with boxes to check.

You may respond **online** or **on paper**.

We’ll also create a separate **Ministries Opportunities** booklet and website listing with more details, to give you a better idea of what might be involved.

We’ll house your responses in our ACS database of member information.

We’ll give each leader a list of volunteers for each of the associated ministries, and **they will contact you to follow up**.

Stay tuned...

Submitted by,

*Debbie Carter*

Vestry Steward for Stewardship



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## *Sunday School News*

*Karen DiPace*, Sunday School Director

April is a busy time at St. Johns! April 6<sup>th</sup> Church school is hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> coffee hour. I will be sending out a sign-up, please bring something to share if you can. April 13<sup>th</sup> is Palm Sunday and the children will be reenacting the last supper together. Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup> is the Easter Vigil. We will again have the children's Liturgy of Light taking place during this service, it is a great opportunity for the adults to experience the vigil while the children learn about it their own way! April 20<sup>th</sup> is Easter Sunday, there will be no classes that day!!! Join us for a wonderful breakfast at 9am, followed by a children's Easter egg hunt! April 27<sup>th</sup> is Earth Sunday. The children will be working this month on some earth day activities that you will see that day!

Our pennies for Rafiki drive is well underway! Each class is collecting coins, as well as there is a large collection jar in the Parish Hall! We again have a matching donor so we can double our donations!

April will wrap up our annual Lenten food drive. Weekly themes are as follows:

### **LENTEN FOOD DRIVE REMAINING DATES**

**April 6 - Pasta, Sauce & Helpers**

**April 13 - Peanut Butter & Jelly**

**April 20 - Canned Meat**

Please be sure to save the following dates!

June 8<sup>th</sup> will be our parish picnic at Longs park. All are welcome!

July 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> is Vacation Bible school. More information to come soon!

Church school will continue to meet at 9am for gathering time in the auditorium each Sunday, then head to the classrooms. We can always use some more help for 5 minutes of fun with the kids at 9am. We are also in need of one or two classroom floaters...someone to help out in class when a teacher can't make it. You would not need to prepare any lessons for class. Let me know if you are interested!

**"Happy Easter!"**



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

### *Journey to Adulthood*

*Mary Ellen Kilp & Leslie Morgan, Co-Youth Directors*

Many thanks to Joe and April Way, Jen Hreben and Mary Ellen Kilp for their leadership in organizing the first annual **St. John's Scrapbooking** fundraising event. A special thank you to the teens that helped throughout the weekend as well: Aidan Cliff, Emma DiPace, Amelia Dissinger, Aaron Hasircoglu, Brooks Morgan, Dylan Stone and James Woolson. Peanut butter chocolate eggs anyone?

It's hard to believe, but the annual **Maundy Thursday Lock-In-** with.... drum roll.... the Diocesan Middle School Retreat..... is just around the corner. If you are in middle school or high school, you don't want to miss this event. Both events will be held at St. John's on **April 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>**, beginning with the foot washing service at 7:30 p.m. Get to know other teens from the diocese as you grow deeper in your faith, exploring the stations of the cross, walking a labyrinth, sharing an agape meal and spending time together in community and fellowship. RSVP to Mary Ellen Kilp.

Plan on attending (or leading!) our annual **Youth Good Friday Service** at 7:30 a.m. the next morning, one of the highlights of the liturgical year. Our teens share the passion reading in a way that is profoundly moving. It is hard to describe; better to simply experience.

Looking for ways to go green? **Earth Sunday** is around the corner. We will celebrate this occasion on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> with special prayers, music and leadership from our Church School. Rumors of a repurposed/recycled cross are circulating.....

On Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate **Graduation Sunday**. Don't miss the opportunity to honor our graduating seniors with a festive coffee hour between the services and a blessing during the 10:15 a.m. service.

*PYE (Provincial Youth Event) was a great experience. We had lots of activities to do such as playing sports, zip lining, and high ropes. The services included thought-provoking conversations and great music. I made lots of new friends. James Woolson*

*PYE was an amazing experience! I am so glad I had the opportunity to go. The speaker at the services was really interesting and really made me think. I learned a few new songs and sang some old ones that I love. There were many fun activities to do during free time including ziplining. North Bay was a beautiful camp. I met a lot of kind and interesting people. It was a wonderful experience! Emma DiPace*

#### YOUTH CALENDAR OF EVENTS: 2014

April 17	Maundy Thursday Lock-In
April 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

## VOYAGERS



**The April Voyagers' meeting is cancelled** because of a scheduling problem. The May meeting will feature our own Phil Becker on "Reflections on my father and his years of being Rector here and growing up next to the church." Look for more information on this informative and fun-filled meeting in the May "Messenger".

## POPCORN THEOLOGY

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## ST. JOHN'S PRAYER GROUP RE-IGNITED

In the past, St. John's has had a prayer group that prayed together as a group occasionally but mostly communicated via email and prayed privately as individuals. Let's begin again, with this article being an invitation to all of us to consider praying for those on our acute and long-term prayer lists. The acute prayer list is the one read out loud at each Sunday Eucharist. The long-term prayer list is read out loud at each Wednesday healing Eucharist. To add a name to either, it's best to call the church office & speak with someone or leave a message on the general voicemail. There is also a hand-made stained glass box on the windowsill in the church nearest the chapel where Prayer Request Forms are located & can be placed inside anytime. If willing to be a member of our email prayer list, please notify Sue Heilman by phone (717-951-0731) or internet (heilmangirl@gmail.com). We will also gather occasionally to offer communal prayers. Thank you.

## SPECIAL THANKS!

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner was awesome! The food was delicious and the "kids" did a wonderful job! I love this type of church gathering when everyone gets together and has a great time!

*Lorraine Nolan*



I'd like to share a special thanks to Aidan Cliff for the "Mickey Mouse" pancake he made me and Mary Ellen Kilp at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner! It was yummy! It was a nice event.

*Lynn Hayford*



# JUBILEE MINISTRIES

**BREAKFAST**



**FELLOWSHIP**

**COMMUNITY BREAKFAST**—(Contact: Sue Martin)

*"Volunteers Welcome!"*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 19: 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!

Now that the month of March is here, and warm weather is around the corner, many of you will be putting away those large, warm knitted projects in favor of something more appropriate for the coming heat wave. We suggest knitting a few pocket prayer shawls. Affectionately dubbed as the "prayer shawl you can put in your pocket", a pocket prayer shawl only takes a small amount of yarn and a little of your time.



Please help Martha's Ministry provide pocket prayer shawls for our Memorial Day contribution to our Veterans. Many thanks!

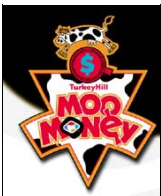
**DOOR MINISTRY & FOOD BANK** - (Contact: Debbie Carter)

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.

## FOOD BANK STAPLES

Peanut butter and jelly, pasta noodles, pasta sauce, canned tuna, Spam, boxed macaroni & cheese, "Helpers" (hamburger, tuna, etc.), rice, boxed rice mixes, canned soup (not packaged such as Ramen), canned vegetables, canned fruit, and cereal.

Cardboard boxes are also needed for the distribution of the food.



**ROBERT FULTON SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP** - If you shop at a Turkey Hill store and purchase any of their milk items, **BE SURE TO SAVE THE "MOO" MONEY BOTTLE CAPS** and bring them to church on Sundays. There is a collection container at the Eagle's Nest area of the Parish Hall. We're also collecting Box Tops for Education, Printer Cartridges, and Campbell Soup Labels.

### *Justice Not Just Us*

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

This has been the driving question for Jubilee since the last Diocesan Convention. Each of our Jubilee Ministries leaders had a chance to offer a response at our February meeting. This will lead our agenda at future meetings as well.

We are not doing this work alone. If we were, it would be impossible. We wish to thank the Diocesan Operation Understanding Grant Committee for providing financial support to two of our ministries. Building Hope will be receiving a grant of \$500.00 to provide services to high school students who are at risk of being bullied or homeless or a number of other issues that children should not have to address. Eagles Nest received a grant of \$350.00 for continuing there service to students at Fulton School. This is the twelfth year that Eagles Nest has received a grant from the Diocese, a most unusual length of time for grants.

Recently we have given greater focus to our efforts to provide more nutritious foods to our neighbors. We have received some educational materials through the Lancaster County council of Churches and are integrating this into our efforts. We are concerned with those living in poverty who suffer from obesity. We now realize that this obesity is a product of malnutrition. We can help improve the overall health of some of our neighbors by providing healthier foods. Please see two additional articles (pages 18 and 20) within this newsletter that address these efforts.

We are starting another in-house effort within St. John's to address this also. Doug Brown has offered a plot of land at his home for us to grow fruits, vegetables and spices. We will be looking for volunteers to help at all stages. We are going to organize it so that people will be able to take turns rather than having to show up every time there is work to be done. More details will come as they are available.

We are not alone. We have partners in our efforts to affect or involve those living in poverty. With our partners, and the efforts of those we are trying to help, we will help them achieve economic justice. It is justice for all, not just us.

Submitted by,

*John Gouveia*



## JUBILEE MINISTRIES (CONTINUED)

### Food Pantry Offerings – It’s Your Choice!

Christian Education is conducting a special drive for our food pantry during the season of Lent. The food pantry committee thinks this is a super idea, but we are asking you to consider reading labels before you purchase food (for the pantry or for yourselves). Watch carefully for sodium, fat, and sugar. If we start feeding ourselves in a healthy manner, we might change the way we think about food for the food pantry. Here are some examples:

**Cereals** – Most popular cereals (with advertising aimed at children), are full of sugar.

Oatmeal (½ c, cooks in 5 min)	3 g fat	No sodium	1 g sugar	150 calories	5 g protein	4 g fiber
Shredded Wheat (1¼ c)	1 g fat	No sodium	No sugar	170 calories	6 g protein	6 g fiber
Cheerios (1 c)	2 g fat	160 mg sodium	1 g sugar	100 calories	3 g protein	3 g fiber
Froot Loops (1 c)	1 g fat	135 mg sodium	12 g sugar	110 calories	1 g protein	3 g fiber

**Mac ‘n’ Cheese** – 1 c. serving

Betty Crocker	1.5 g fat	490 mg sodium	240 calories	8 g protein
Cheese Club Shells	13 g fat	860 mg sodium	300 calories	11 g protein

**Canned Meat** – serving size varies

White Chicken	3 g fat	35 mg cholesterol	240 mg sodium	10 g protein
Tuna	1 g fat	25 mg cholesterol	180 mg sodium	10 g protein
Beef Stew	10 g fat	30 mg cholesterol	990 mg sodium	10 g protein
Spam	16 g fat	40 mg cholesterol	790 mg sodium	7 g protein

**Soup** – serving size varies by brand and flavor

Chicken Noodle	3 g fat	1 mg cholesterol	870 mg sodium	3 g protein
Tomato	0 fat	0 cholesterol	480 mg sodium	2 g protein

**Rice** – serving size: 1/3 c. dry

Rice-A-Roni has about 600 to 1100 mg of sodium per serving, depending on flavor.
Suggestion: purchase rice in 10 – 15 lb. bags, divide into 4 c. allotments, put in zipper bags – no sodium!

(Keep in mind the serving size; most of us eat more than one serving. In fact, the FDA has recently proposed changes to nutrition labels to show “realistic” serving sizes: <http://www.forbes.com/sites/nadiaarumugam/2014/02/28/fda-proposes-changes-to-nutrition-label-including-more-realistic-serving-sizes/>)

Fresh vegetables are always better than canned. If you are interested in being part of a group donating fresh food, please call: Debbie Carter at 717-299-1530, or Anne Labat-Geper at 269-217-8864.

# MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

By the time you are reading this article, Spring will have finally arrived and the Lenten season will be winding down. But, as I write this, Spring is still 3 days away and the weather forecast includes snow. Despite this forecast, there are many signs spring will definitely come such as the Robin I saw last week, geese flying north, the daffodils pushing up their green stems in spots where the last snow finally is melting away and of course, the multitude of Plant and Seed catalogs coming in the mail.

Flipping through and exploring the pages of flowers in bloom and plants full of produce boosts my excitement and faith that the warm weather is returning and nature once again will turn green and new growth will appear. Many of us will carefully and thoughtfully choose our plants and seeds and will plan our planting. Seedlings and seed planting have always been symbolic of renewal and growth and correlates well with the discussion from the MDG opening program for the Lenten season.

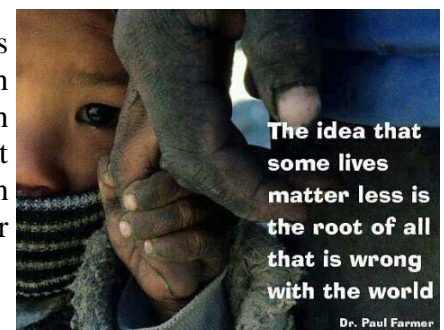
Members of the St. John's community came together and kicked off our Lent program on Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup> beginning with a meatless potluck dinner which did not disappoint anyone's appetite. Our 1<sup>st</sup> program began with a slide show and discussion surrounding our theme, **"I am---one world"**



Our discussion groups included all ages as we explored our hearts and minds to answer some reflective questions. Who am I? What brings you to St. John's? What keeps you coming? What service to your Church family makes you smile? What service to your World family makes you smile? What causes you pain or concern? How would you fix it?

The answers shared were as varied as the ages of our participants. We talked about our concerns for all those throughout the world, as well as those here at home whose basic needs for food, clothing, shelter, healthcare and education are not met. There were a wide range of solutions and commitments that people saw and experienced. There are those we are aware that have committed their lives to living and working in foreign lands with those in need, sometimes ultimately giving their lives. There have been those that have travelled and have seen the needs to be so great that they were inspired to leave behind their personal possessions. There are those who regularly help to collect shoes for **Soles for Souls**, donate food to the Food banks and help with the distribution. There are those who organize collections in their neighborhoods and invite their neighbors to leave items in a box on their front porch.

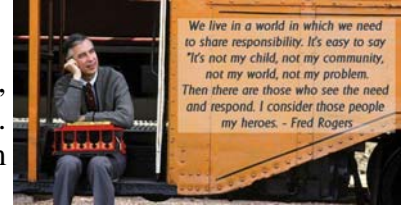
The one common thread was the feeling of the enormity of the problems as a whole; hunger, shoes, transportation, healthcare, education, etc. But, then we looked at ourselves as individuals and tried to define "I am\_\_\_\_", each of us trying to fill in the blank to determine what we can do, what impact we can have to make this "One world" better for everyone. What seeds can each of us plant to have an impact, small or large on all of our concerns for our "One world"?



## MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS (CONTINUED)

Whether it is collecting pennies or shoes, lending our voice, donating food or money and/or our time, we are all planting seeds near and far to benefit our “One world”. Even reading the MDG challenges and incorporating them into your week, helps to plant some “seeds”. How do you answer “I am.....one world”?

There is still time to join us in the last couple of Lent programs, reflecting, sharing and learning and of course eating some delicious meatless dishes. The Lent program concludes on Palm Sunday evening, 4/13/14 from 5pm to 7pm, all ages are welcome.



If you cannot come on the remaining Sunday evenings, the MDG committee continues to meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 7pm and we would love to have you join us.

There is always the opportunity to help “plant some seeds” by bringing some shoes for donation to the “**Soles for Souls**” program. There is a barrel in the back of the Parish Hall (Chestnut Street side) to drop-in donations. Simply put a pair of shoes together with a rubber band or tie the laces together and drop them in the barrel (please no shoe boxes). We will collect shoes of all shapes and sizes through Palm Sunday.

Submitted by,

*Tammy Collier*

## FOOD HUB INITIATIVE



### Add Your Voice on How St. John’s Can Support Community Food Hub Initiative

During our Jubilee Ministry Sunday on March 30, Joel Cliff shared information with the congregation about the Lancaster County Council of Churches’ exciting new food hub project.

Slated to begin operation in late 2014 or early 2015, the food hub will transform the way our community addresses hunger, greatly expanding the capabilities of the council’s current food bank. It will be a gateway to connect the 11% of county adults and the 18% of our children who are food insecure with much more of the abundant nutritious food that is currently available in the area. (For more info, please see the short video at <http://youtu.be/NdyfdG3Nqp4>)

The hub will be a unique operation in the county, equipped and ready to accept vast quantities of food from the Central PA Food Bank and many other sources, including local growers. The hub will then distribute this quantum leap in supply to 130+ food banks and community meals throughout the county, including the many area churches who operate such programs.

This growth in capacity presents new opportunities to benefit St. John’s own hunger outreach, so **please let Father John know of your support for the food hub and that you’d like St. John’s to include consideration of a financial donation to the project as part of our 2015 budget.**



# COURTYARD PROJECT & GARDEN MINISTRY

Submitted by,  
*Doug Brown* — Outreach

## Courtyard Project

The courtyard project is moving steadily forward even though few signs of this have been seen. We have been keeping in constant contact with MM architects as we continue to work intimately with RGS associates. MM have been in a holding pattern as we work through our storm water design. We are currently in line to receive funding from the city, but it is up to us to complete the design process and to schedule construction (with the city's blessing) before the grant money evaporates. The money does not look like it will dry up this year, but we are unsure of next year. This has us focused on getting our storm water design completed so that we can move on with the project should this be needed.

A few weeks ago RGS had given us a design for managing our storm water. We felt that this design did not fully fit our needs (such as fears of sink holes, water infiltration, maintenance costs of porous asphalt, durability of porous asphalt, etc.) so we asked for more design options. We received those options last week and the courtyard/property committees are currently pouring over their details. News will be forthcoming from this.

As it stands right now, we are getting very close to having a breakthrough. A core contingent of parishioners has been established for a capitol campaign feasibility study. Once we receive rough guestimates for construction costs, the feasibility study will commence. Big things are afoot! More news will come soon!

## Garden Ministry

St. John's will once again have a parish garden. A garden was maintained faithfully by the Martin's for many years and this year it will be returning, but to a different location. The garden will be located at Angela and my house at 1993 White Oak Rd. Strasburg. It is 12 miles south of Lancaster off 222 south. We will have the garden tilled and ready for volunteers as soon as the weather warms (which is very soon!). Currently we are looking for volunteers to help with the garden. No experience necessary and all tools will be provided. Since the garden is at our house, facilities and refreshments will be provided. Please let me know ASAP if you would like to be involved in this ministry. Spring is almost here and seeds will need to be planted very soon. I will communicate news via email as well as through announcements at church. If you are interested in helping, contact me at: csse9905@yahoo.com (717) 288-2289 or Debbie Carter: dpcarterpa@verizon.net.

The food that will be grown will be used in the following ways: supplementing our food pantry, distributed at community breakfast, any function at St. John's requesting produce that is in season, and the Lancaster County Council of Churches. There is also talk of placing produce on the breezeway as was done in years past by the Martin's (proceeds to benefit the garden ministry and Jubilee ministries). The food that we will grow will be distributed to the underserved in our community. Currently the food pantry does not allow healthy options for those in need. If anyone has recently been to the grocery store they will know how expensive produce is and see why it is hard for the poor to obtain healthy food. We will be growing almost 100% organic foods and bugs are included at no charge. We are very excited about this project and hope you can join us in the adventure!

## PROPERTY CORNER

Members of the Courtyard Committee joined the Property Committee for our March meeting. Thanks to Doug Brown for providing updates and next steps.

### **Increasing our bandwidth**

Comcast is scheduled to install cable service on March 10, increasing our bandwidth to accommodate more robust and reliable Wi-Fi access, as well as paving the way for future web streaming of our services. Emulous Communications will be involved to ensure a smooth transition with our telephone system.

### **Rebounding from a rough winter**

Due to a very demanding winter weather season, budgeted funds for snow and ice removal have been depleted. Bill Gross is currently addressing leaks and other damage caused by frozen gutters and overflowing downspouts.

### **Safeguarding God's Children**

Bill installed a window on the nursery door to enhance our safeguarding efforts. He also placed a mirror in the room to provide full visibility from the door.

**Fresh coats of paint** are on the agenda for our rental properties on Concord Street, as well as the sacristy. Thank you to Dave Martin, Mike Kilhefner, Pam Loose and Anne Labat-Gepert who have volunteered their painting talents to assist with refurbishing the Minister of Music's office.

Our **Spring Clean-up** is scheduled for Saturday, April 12 at 9 a.m. We will be cleaning up around the exterior of our property, washing windows, polishing pews. Any help would be greatly appreciated as we ready our property for Holy Week!

Submitted by, The Property Committee

*Phil Becker, Doug Brown, Rich Collier, Peter Eaton, Robert Fields, Bill Gross,  
Grant Hansel, Mike Heider, Janice Henry, & Cynthia Minnich*

## ANOTHER ST. JOHN'S CONNECTION

Submitted by *Fred Honaman*

From 1979 until 1982, Nick Knisley and Karen McTighe were students at Franklin & Marshall. During that time, they were part of our St. John's Family. Does anyone happen to remember them? In the course of time, they were married and Nick went to Seminary, and became ordained as Deacon, Priest, and most recently, Bishop of the Diocese of Rhode Island.

In a correspondence with me, Nick said:

“Karen and I worshiped at St. John's when we were at school in Lancaster. If you have a chance to share my greetings with the congregation, please thank them for the hospitality they showed us in college. That Parish was a key stepping stone in my journey into adult faith.”



## NEW PIANO FOR OUR SANCTUARY

Many of you probably noticed a new person in the nave on Sunday, March 16. Actually, person might not be quite the right description, although I'm treating her as such. A new entity in the form of a vertical piano has come to live with the congregation of St. John's. Please welcome her! I thought it might be interesting to share the back story behind the acquisition of this instrument, to tell you a bit about the instrument itself, and to invite you to enjoy it in several ways.

I have been interested in obtaining a piano for the nave almost since my arrival in the summer of 2012. There were the usual difficulties, funding, timing, plus the challenge of finding a piano that would fit into the aesthetic and spatial concerns of St. John's neo-gothic architecture. After receiving support for this idea from liturgy team and vestry, Ken and Deb Smith offered their support for the project providing further incentive to start the process. Over Christmas break I stopped into Reifsniders, but was unimpressed with their offerings until I sat down at a beautiful, vertical Steinway. I had no idea newer pianos like that one existed! It was of a size that would fill the nave with sound, but fit the parameters that it must be an upright. It also had the visual beauty to complement St. John's architecture. Although the price was excellent, it was higher than our original budget, and it sold while we were in discussion. Fortunately, others were available, but were located in California, Arizona and Hawaii. I asked vestry if they would send me to Hawaii to evaluate that instrument, but that request was turned down. Those pianos also sold before we could make a move. Things began to look bleak.

Meanwhile, the choir had an amazing response to the information that we were looking into buying a piano. Joan Lorenz felt that a quality piano would be a fine memorial gift to remember her husband, Robert Lorenz, and others also came forward. Vestry approval to purchase a Steinway K-52 in Walnut was granted. Now we just had to find one. Steinway only makes about 30 of these pianos a year, and only a fraction of those in the desired finish, so there are not that many around. Many creative Google searches and phone calls later, I came into contact with a dealer in Edison, NJ. The dealer was helpful, but the K-52 he had was in the process of being sold. We hung up, but 30 minutes later he called me back and said he knew an individual who had the instrument we wanted and thought we could work out a deal. Sure enough, a week later it was delivered to St. John's.

Why this particular brand, model and finish? Steinway has been a respected name in pianos for well over 100 years both in America and Europe. In an age of machines and automation, Steinway is still committed to hand crafting each piano from the finest quality materials. Steinway pianos from as far back as the 1860's are still valued, rebuilt and used. The K-52 has been built since 1903 and incorporates many of the features of Steinway grand pianos and boasts a soundboard with the same approximate sounding area as a 5'10" grand. Simply put, this piano will be the St John's piano for decades, and possibly centuries, to come. In purchasing this piano, St John's made an investment in the present and future music ministries of the church.

How might you enjoy this instrument? First, it will be used regularly in worship for prelude and to accompany the choir. Having a piano in the nave greatly increases the amount of repertoire we are able to present. In smaller services, such as Sunday evening Lenten prayer, it will accompany congregational singing. Listen and delight in the intimate sounds of this instrument and feast your eyes on the beauty of the cabinetry. Second, I invite you to play the instrument. Give me a heads up to make arrangements to have it out and open, and you are more than welcome to enjoy making music with it (and the same is true for the organ).

Together, I anticipate enjoying this instrument for years to come.

Submitted by,

*Paul Reese*, Minister of Music



## TASKING RISKS

Submitted by, *Julie Gittens*

1 Corinthians 1:20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

Do any of you watch the TV game shows? Growing up, I used to watch The Wheel of Fortune with my father, followed by watching Jeopardy with my mother. There was a simple joy in calling out letters with my father and answering questions with my mother. And, of course, there was my mother's dream that I'd one day be a contestant on Teen Jeopardy. After all, what mother doesn't dream her child will be on Jeopardy? Imagine the happiness you'd feel if people all over the country could see that your kid isn't only smart, but that she's winning enough money to put herself through college.

I felt that way after watching last year's Teen Jeopardy challenge because of one of the contestants. Last year, one of the contestants was a young Black man, named Leonard Cooper. Finally, after being bombarded with stereotypes about young Black men, via social media and TV news, I finally got to see a "regular" Black teenager. And by regular I mean: he was smart (he got accepted into Brown University), he was funny (he told a great story about a joke his classmates played on him), and he had an outrageous afro. And I do mean outrageous afro. He looked like he had walked out of the 1970s.

But what I really liked about Leonard Cooper was what he did the second night of the final game. For those of you who don't watch Jeopardy, there are questions known as daily doubles where a contestant can risk any dollar amount they want to answer the question. On the second night of the final challenge game, Leonard Cooper risked all of his money, \$18,000, on a daily double question about John Steinbeck novels. There was a silence in every home in America when Alex Trebeck asked the question followed by a sigh of relief when Leonard answered it correctly and doubled his score. And there were applause when he won Teen Jeopardy even though he didn't know the correct answer to the Final Jeopardy question.

Leonard Cooper had done something most of us would never do, especially where money is involved. He took a risk, a gigantic risk. The fact that he was willing to take that risk is why I like him so much. I learned a great lesson from this young man. I learned that sometimes you have to be willing to take a chance and step outside of your comfort zone. We all spent last month in some type of prayer. Well, this month is the time to start taking risks by responding to the answers we received.

## 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.

## 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  
Darlene Bentley  
Emma Bramble  
Pat Connor  
Faith D'Urbano  
Helen Farruggia  
Linda Frederiksen  
Thetis Harvey  
Bill & Lois Herzog  
Stefan Latshaw  
Debby Linton  
Hazel Lord  
William Miller  
Norma Murphy  
Mary Power  
Robert & Jean Power  
Sue Purdy  
Barbara Rich  
Morgan & John Shannon  
Christian Stigelman  
Emily  
Mike*

## MANY THANKS!

*I want to thank all of you for the prayers and notes sent during the days after my cancer diagnosis and subsequent surgery. The altar flowers and prayer shawl, delivered by Jeannie Zeller, were also appreciated.*

*Bright Blessings,  
  
Sue Purdy*

## 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.

*Michael Briggs, 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 February gave \$476 to Jubilee. That is \$45 more than last month. We need to 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**

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Barton, Ron	15
Beck, Pat	7
Becker, Hilary	18
Brown, Sophia	23
Cuthbert, Angela	13
Dodge, Sue	20
Faust, John	2
Frantz, Michael	15
Gokey, Madeleine	19
Gross, Bill	12
Grove, Sandra	17
Heider, Doreen	6
Henry, Janice	14
Henry, Kevin	7
Herr, Codi	21
Hogg, Rob	25
Humphrey, Ty	27
Lee, Drigan	23
Lee, Maggie	29
LeFevre, Wayne	15
Linton, Ron	22
Lombardo, Joseph	12
Looker-Fenn, Thomas	8
Mann, Gwynneth	23
Miller, Glenn	14
Roden, Brittia	27
Sauder, Maria	3
Scheetz, Aliya Collier	5
Souders, Helen	24
Stank, Michael	12
Suliveras, Gabriella	20
Tahsler, Leslie	26
Thompson, Claire	27
Van Aulen, Beth	18
Van Aulen, Jonathan	6
Waskowicz, Eric	16
Weaver-Gelzer, Charlotte	18
Wendler, Owen	9
Zimmerman, Katherine	12

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Gbur, Mike & Phyllis	04/30/1971
Graeter, John & Barbara	04/12/1958
Gross, Bill & Jill	04/20/1985
Heider, Mike & Doreen	04/20/1985
Juslin-Asplin, Betty & Asplin, Abbie	04/14/2007
Kilp, Bob & Mary Ellen	04/22/1989
Ogwang, Alice & Benson	04/12/1972
Springer, Bob & Maggie	04/24/1982
Way, Joe & April	04/19/1997
Zimmerman, Phil & Stevenson, Louise	04/26/1980

### *A Card Shower!!*

Please help to celebrate the **90th** birthday of Betty Juslin-Asplin, one of our oldest parishioners. For many years, Betty was responsible for St. John's birthday card ministry and sent birthday cards to all our members. Betty's birthday is March 24th, the day that we will release this edition of the "Messenger". I'm sure Betty will be thrilled to receive your well wishes!

**Betty Juslin-Asplin**  
**2001 Harrisburg Pike, #229RR**  
**Lancaster, PA 17601**



**THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT  
ARTICLES FOR THE**

**MAY, 2014 "MESSENGER":**

**APRIL 21, 2014**

# SERVING SCHEDULE – APRIL, 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!"*

<b>APRIL 6</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	James Glazier	David Dissinger, Barbara McGraw
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	Stephanie McGovern	Fred & Eleanor Honaman
<b>Lector</b>	Sue Tobie	Bob Kilp
<b>Server</b>	Joanie Kilhefner	Julia Hasircoglu
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	—	Danielle DiPace, Natalie Visco
<b>Crucifer</b>	—	Glenn Miller
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 1	Team 1
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	—	Lorraine Nolan
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team A
<b>Greeter</b>	—	Brad Zuke
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Voyagers / Sunday School	Voyagers / Sunday School
<b>Nursery</b>	—	Elsbeth Moffatt

<b>APRIL 13—Palm Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Merle Schnee	Katie Mausolf, Brad Moyer
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	—	Peter Novosel
<b>Lector</b>	Fred Bush	Jane Lee
<b>Passion Readers</b>	<b>To Be Determined</b>	<b>To Be Determined</b>
<b>Server</b>	Aaron Spicher	James Woolson
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	—	Miriam Lester, Max Lester
<b>Crucifer</b>	—	Dave Pennell
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 2	Team 2
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	—	Emma DiPace
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team B
<b>Greeter</b>	—	Ted Loose
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	J2A	J2A
<b>Nursery</b>	—	Marla Lester

<b>APRIL 17—Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	David Kilp
<b>Lector</b>	Paula Wolf
<b>Server</b>	Michael Hreben
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	Emma DiPace, Amelia Dissinger
<b>Crucifer</b>	John Waskowicz
<b>Altar Guild</b>	All Members
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Gross, Mike Gbur

<b>APRIL 18—Good Friday</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Youth Group	—	—
<b>Lector</b>	Youth Group	Anne Labat-Gepert	Tom Bond
<b>Server</b>	Youth Group	—	—
<b>Crucifer</b>	Youth Group	—	Glenn Miller
<b>Ushers</b>	Youth Group	—	Charlie Rahe Phil Becker Mike Gbur

<b>APRIL 19—Easter Vigil</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Sibyl Freeman
<b>Readers</b>	<b>To Be Determined</b>
<b>Server</b>	Julia Hasircoglu
<b>Crucifer</b>	Dave Pennell
<b>Thurifer</b>	Judy Arnold
<b>Torches</b>	TBD
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 3
<b>Ushers</b>	Doug Brown, Mike Gbur

<b>APRIL 20 Easter Day</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Merle Schnee Ricky Smith	Barbara McGraw Brad Moyer, Michael Stank	Judy Arnold David Kilp, Peter Novosel
<b>Lector</b>	Bob Lee	Joel Cliff	Fran Gouveia
<b>Server</b>	Aaron Spicher	Aidan Cliff	Dylan Stone
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	—	Sean Cliff, Kendall Morgan	Danielle DiPace, Kylie Stone
<b>Crucifer</b>	—	David Pennell	John Waskowicz
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 3	Team 3	Team 3
<b>Ushers</b>	Mike Kilhefner, Jim Snyder, John Miller, Julie Rodriguez	Tracy Cliff, Nick DiPace, Sharon Gromis, Bruce Morgan	Paul Dorgan, Mike Gbur, Len Jackson, Bob Kilp, Charlie Rahe
<b>Greeter</b>	—	—	—
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	—	PARISH BREAKFAST	—
<b>Nursery</b>	—	—	Karen DiPace

<b>APRIL 27</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Laurie Eaton	Sibyl Freeman, Michael Stank
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	Phil Becker, Ricky Smith	Don Durand, Julie Gittens
<b>Lector</b>	Peter Eaton	Phil Purdy
<b>Server</b>	—	Emma DiPace
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	—	Miriam & Max Lester
<b>Crucifer</b>	—	Glenn Miller
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 4	Team 4
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	—	Amelia Dissinger
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team D
<b>Greeter</b>	—	Carolyn Maxey
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	??	Stewardship
<b>Nursery</b>	—	Courtney Rhodes



<b>MAY 4</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	James Glazier	Barbara McGraw, Peter Novosel
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	—	Phyllis Gbur, Sue Heilman, Honamans
<b>Lector</b>	Ricky Smith	Tom Bond
<b>Server</b>	Joanie Kilhefner	Amelia Dissinger
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	—	Conor Brenton, Kendall Morgan
<b>Crucifer</b>	—	Bob Kilp
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 1	Team 1
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	—	Tierza Mendez
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team A
<b>Greeter</b>	—	Sue Martin
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Hand Bell Choir	Hand Bell Choir
<b>Nursery</b>	—	Sue Hurlburt



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> Jubilee Sunday LENT 4 Plant Sale Pick-Up 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) 5:00 PM Lenten Supper (PH) 6:00 PM Lenten Program (PH) 7:00 PM Lenten Night Prayer (Church)	<b>31</b> 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM VA (AP)	<b>1</b> 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)	<b>2</b> 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)	<b>3</b> 7:00 PM MDG Committee (1st FL BH) 7:00 PM Worship Committee (Library) 7:30 PM Handbell Choir 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM St Augustine (AP)	<b>4</b> 11:15 AM Lenten Lunch at St. John's 12:00 PM Lenten Worship at St. John's 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP)	<b>5</b> Wedding (Temp)
<b>6</b> Birthdays & Anniversaries LENT 5 United Thank Offering 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) 5:00 PM Lenten Supper (PH) 6:00 PM Lenten Program (PH) 7:00 PM Lenten Night Prayer (Church)	<b>7</b> 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 (Library)	<b>8</b> 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)	<b>9</b> 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)	<b>10</b> 7:30 PM Handbell Choir 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM St Augustine (AP)	<b>11</b> 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 7:00 PM Popcorn Theology (PH)	<b>12</b> 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Spring Clean-Up! 6:30 PM Traditional Dance (Aud)
<b>13</b> Easter Flower Memorial Deadline PALM 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) 5:00 PM Lenten Supper (PH) 6:00 PM Lenten Program (PH)	<b>14</b> 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM VA (AP) 7:00 PM Executive Committee (BH)	<b>15</b> 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)	<b>16</b> 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	<b>17</b> MAUNDY THURSDAY Youth Lock-In 7:30 PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Foot Washing & Stripping of Altar 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM St Augustine (AP) 8:45 PM Vigil until after the 12pm Good Friday Service	<b>18</b> GOOD FRIDAY Office is Closed 7:30 AM Youth Good Friday Liturgy w/Communion 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 12:00 PM Stations of the Cross w/Communion 7:30 PM Choral Good Friday Liturgy w/Communion	<b>19</b> GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER EVE 7:30 AM St. John's Serves Breakfast @ 1st Reformed 7:30 PM Easter Vigil & Renewal of Baptism (w/Incense)
<b>20</b> EASTER DAY 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I 8:30 AM Choral Eucharist, Rite II w/Renewal of Baptism 9:30 AM ALL PARISH BREAKFAST 10:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt (Toddlers-3rd Gr) 11:00 AM Choral Holy Eucharist, Rite II w/Renewal of Baptism	<b>21</b> MESSENGER DEADLINE 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP) 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM VA (AP) 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting (PH)	<b>22</b> 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Martha's Ministry (PH) 2:00 PM Personnel Committee (BH) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM AA (AP) 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Building Hope (PH)	<b>23</b> 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	<b>24</b> Jennifer-Vac 7:30 PM Handbell Choir 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM St Augustine (AP)	<b>25</b> Jennifer-Vac 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM NA (AP)	<b>26</b> Jennifer-Vac
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