



St. John's Messenger

May, 2014

from Fr. John W. Morris, Rector

SABBATICAL LEAVE

I will be on sabbatical this summer from June 2nd to September 2nd. The purpose of my leave is for vocational discernment and preparation for my last years of full time parish ministry at St. John's before my retirement. The tools I intend to use to this end include vocational counseling, spiritual direction, prayer, reflection, retreat and renewal.

As a three month sabbatical following seven years of service is standard practice in our diocese, I began my planning last summer with a conversation with Bishop Baxter. The Bishop directed me to vocational resources from which I selected Dr. Perry Hazeltine of the Samaritan Counseling Center to act as my vocational guide. We have been meeting monthly to help define my expectations for my sabbatical and begin to envision what my ministry might look like following my retirement from St. John's. He has also offered a syllabus of books on the topic of "golden aging" to better inform my decision making.

Spiritual direction, the second element of my sabbatical, will be addressed during a week of retreat at Holy Cross Monastery in West Park, New York. Holy Cross is an order of Episcopal monks and I will be working with Brother James Dowd, who visited with us at St. John's two years ago. Brother James will be helping me with the question, "What is God calling me to beyond St. John's?"

The month of July will be a dedicated time of reflection. I have accepted an invitation for a "summer cure" to serve at St. Cuthbert's Chapel on MacMahan Island in Maine. On Sundays I will be leading worship for the small island's community of summer residents, leaving lots of free time for reading and meditation. Cindy will be with me and we expect that our children and New England members of the family will be driving up to visit.

Most of August will be spent in Fort Myers, Florida, relaxing and getting a "taste of retirement". My best friend from seminary lives in the area and this is a possible retirement spot. Cindy and I will be trying Florida on for size to see if it feels like a fit for our future.

During my absence our Assistant Rector, Pastor Jennifer, will act as priest in charge. She will assume my executive roles as chair for Staff, Ministries Council, and Liturgy Team. Your Senior Warden, John Herzog, will become the chair of the Executive Committee and Vestry. Pastor Jennifer will continue to provide leadership in the primary clergy ministries of Worship, Pastoral Care, Education and Evangelism. The areas of ministry – Community, Communication, Outreach, Property, Finance and Stewardship - where lay leadership is primary will be maintained by your vestry Stewards.

THE REV. JOHN W. MORRIS (CONTINUED)

Pastor Jennifer will be assisted by an all-star lineup of noted preachers to help with services on Sundays and Wednesdays. Our special guests will include the Rev. Beth Mollard, the Rev. John Emmert, the Rev. Barbara Serras, and the Rev. Megan Malick and the Rev. Paul Eyer, both of whom are from the United Church of Christ tradition.

Additional pastoral support over the summer will be provided by a new Lay Pastoral Assistant, Linda Bruce. Linda previously served as Parish Visitor at St. James'. A cradle Episcopalian from New Jersey, Linda holds a BS degree from Mansfield University. She has also done course work through the diocesan School of Christian Studies. Linda will be available for hospital visits on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and to provide emergency pastoral care.

This is an example of one of the benefits for the parish from a clergy sabbatical leave – it creates opportunities for new ministries. Likewise, Pastor Jennifer will have the chance to experience being “priest in charge”. However, while she will be stepping into new roles, we should not expect her to do two jobs – hers and mine. Sabbatical is meant to create space for new lay leadership to emerge.

I anticipate that upon my return we will be concluding the discernment step, the first step, of a possible capital campaign and building program. If our vestry concludes that St. John's is ready to commit to capital campaign, I will be ready to lead that commitment and guide the parish through the building program. Once that has been concluded, I feel confident that I will be ready to embrace a new call into retirement.

My hope is that the months ahead will prove to be a time of growth toward the future both for me and for St. John's. As I look forward and prepare for what it is that God is calling me, I will be praying that as a parish we will do the same – being alert to the prompting of the Holy Spirit, ready to explore new ministry, and confident of the new vision of mission that Christ has in store for us at St. John's Church.

John+

Dear St. John's,

How I miss you. I think of you and know that I am not alone in fielding the changes and chances of life. I have missed episodes in your lives. I send love. And I thank you for your sweet support of me, especially prayers. These mean much.

My health is improving. I still require volunteer assistance approximately once/day for home tasks and soon, hopefully, for some outside walking. But, I am "getting there!" Please be in touch with Sue Heilman if you might be interested in lending a hand sometime.

I have a request. Would you be on the lookout for two pieces of equipment?

- Rollator: A sturdy walker with wheels. (width for small body size) w/ handlebars and seat, preferably foldable, and with a basket.
- Rebounder: A mini-trampoline (cardtable surface size) about 9" or so off the ground, and a safety bar.

If you happen to learn of someone getting rid of either would you please let me know? Thanks! Both are vital for my transition in gaining stamina. My eye is on the prize of some Sunday being strong enough to be with you in Worship.

My best to all and to each of you! *Faith D'Urbano*

MDG CHALLENGES FOR MAY

“Contemplation is a very dangerous activity. It not only brings us face to face with God.

It brings us, as well, face to face with the world, face to face with the self.

And then, of course, something must be done.

Nothing stays the same once we have found the God within.” *Sr. Joan Chittister*

When looking into the mirror, what commitment has the Child of God gazing back made?

Are they following through?

MDG Challenge for May 4th

“A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions,

and the roots spring up and make new trees.” *Amelia Earhart*

Your caring to send 1018 pairs of shoes to others in need will send out new roots in all directions.

Now what’s next?

MDG Challenge for May 11th

Mother’s Day

Blessings and thanks to all our mothers.

MDG Challenge for May 18th

“There are people in the world so hungry, that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread.”

Mahatma Gandhi

Remember the numbers of those hungry are in countries all over the world and right here in our own community. A small donation commitment from each of us can make a powerful change.

Be part of that change so that no one is hungry.

MDG Challenge for May 25th

Memorial Day

“If you want to make peace with your enemy, you have to work with your enemy.

Then they becomes your partner.”

Nelson Mandela

In addition to praying for peace, we each have to be a peaceful demonstration of those prayers.

Act to bring about peace.



THE REV. JENNIFER E. LOOKER

“Graduate Sunday”

We will celebrate with our graduates on Sunday, May 4th at the 10:15 a.m. service.... and I'm feeling more than a little sentimental. Perhaps you are as well. In the past six years, our newest graduates have celebrated Rite 13, planned a pilgrimage, been confirmed in their faith and met faithfully as a group to talk about everything from exams to beliefs about God. They've journeyed together to England, supported one another during the ups and downs of life and shared the stress of college applications. They've cheered one another on, celebrated each other's happy moments and have served this church in a way that is real and lasting. Whether serving at the altar, in the nursery, in the kitchen, during VBS, or in an adult forum – these young adults have made a lasting impact on our life at St. John's. Molly Brenton, Julia Hasircoglu, Rachel Hreben, Joanie Kilhefner, have been an integral part of the life of this parish. The same is true of their leaders, Matt and Mary Woolson.

And so in the spirit of sentimentality, a few words of advice from an unlikely source: *“You are what some have called “The Greatest Generation”. Not many- but some- so far just me. And I'm counting on you to not make me look like an idiot for saying that. So be great- no pressure. Whatever your dream is right now, if you don't achieve it, you haven't failed, and you're not some loser. But just as importantly- and this is the part I may not get right and you may not listen to- if you do get your dream, you are not a winner. After I graduated I moved down to Chicago and did Improv. Now there are very few rules to improvisation, but one of the things I was taught early on is that you are not the most important person in the scene. Everybody else is. And if they are the most important people in the scene, you will naturally pay attention to them and serve them. But the good news is you're in the scene too. So hopefully to them you're the most important person, and they will serve you. No one is leading, you're all following the follower, serving the servant.*

You cannot win improv. And life is an improvisation. You have no idea what's going to happen next and you are mostly just making things up as you go along. And like improv, you cannot win your life. In my experience, you will truly serve only what you love, because, as the prophet says service is love made visible. If you love friends, you will server your friends. If you love community, you will serve your community. If you love money, you will serve your money. And if you love only yourself, you will serve only yourself. And you will have only yourself. So no more winning. Instead, try to love others and serve others, and hopefully find those who love and serve you in return.”

These words, said by Stephen Colbert (the person, not the character) during his commencement address at Northwestern University in 2011, give good simple advice: try to love others and serve them. You cannot win your life. But life can be pretty good. Sometimes surprising, occasionally overwhelming, but always a gift. So to our newest group of graduates: congratulations on a life well lived and the life that is yet to unfold. We will remember to send you packages filled with cookies; we just ask that you come back to visit from time to time (ok, maybe more than occasionally!). Know that you are always welcome here and that we will be praying for you, rooting for you and celebrating each life accomplishment as it comes. And if life doesn't unfold in all the ways you hope and expect, know that that is ok too, and that the church will always be there to support you when you need it. Congrats graduates!!!!

Jennifer+

SENIOR WARDEN

Conference of Wardens and Vestry Members

On Saturday, April 12, Bob Murphy and I spent the day in a conference of Wardens and Vestry members from churches in the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania. The conference, held at St. Andrews Church in Lewisburg, was convened by Bishop Baxter as a time for conversation between himself and the attendees, and conversation among the attendees themselves. There were also informational times when Wardens and Vestry members were given a report about the search for a replacement for Bishop Baxter, and there was a session on how the annual parochial report could be used for church planning.

This session on the parochial report was a look at an actual study that had been conducted over a five-year period at one of the Diocesan parishes. Various categories in the report — attendance figures, baptisms, deaths, pledges, income, etc. — were plotted to show the five-year trends, and then the trends displayed by the several categories were correlated in an attempt to discern inter-relationships. The most striking effect that that study was reported to have was its impact upon the attitude of the congregation — it had been generally perceived by parish members, largely by anecdotal stories and discussions, that the church was in decline. The report — to the contrary — was able to document that parish life was quite stable and that commitment had grown stronger. The report also yielded a few suggestions about planning for future growth. The over-all outcome was seen in a change from gloom to quiet joy and renewed energy on the service of the parishioners.

The conversations among conference attendees were also interesting. They revealed, among other things, that most of the attendees came from congregations that were considerably smaller than St. John's. Several were currently without Rectors, and some of these were finding it difficult to find interim help. One parish had to share a Rector with other congregations. There was a bit of anxiety expressed about the best process for securing both temporary and/or permanent parish leadership — and one congregation had been without a Rector for over four years.

I came home from the convention with three clusters of ideas swimming around in my head. The first was that there are always new things to learn and try in our life as a church. Might a similar study of St. John's parochial reports be helpful to us? Perhaps, and that possibility will be explored. Secondly, St. John's is a blessed congregation! We, of course, have our problems and challenges — differing from those of other parishes as our size and circumstances also differ, but I had a wonderful feeling of appropriate pride as I had the opportunity to share what was going on in our church as part of the larger conference conversation. Things are generally good here! And third, faithful and energetic Episcopalians are found in churches of all types and sizes, and they are full of hope and determination as they move forward in difficult times.

It was great to be a part of that group!

Submitted by,

John Herzog
Senior Warden

VESTRY RESOLUTIONS

VESTRY MEETING: APRIL 21, 2014

1. Minerva Bowers Trust Usage

Whereas: The Vestry found it necessary to borrow \$75,000 from the Unrestricted Endowment Investment Account in 2010 and had pledged to restore the money as soon as practical.

Resolve: Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee the Vestry directs the Treasurer to place the \$68,575 received from the adjudication of the Minerva G. Bowers trust into the Unrestricted Endowment Investment Account and reduces the outstanding “loan” from the Endowment Fund to \$6,425.

2. Funding of the Rector’s Fund

Resolved: The Vestry authorizes the annual transfer of \$2000 from the Restricted Investment Account Rectors fund to the Rector’s Discretionary Fund checking. A transfer of \$500 is to be made at the beginning of each calendar quarter.

3. Mary Lou Higgs Memorial “Student Assistance Fund”

Resolved that the vestry establishes as a Restricted Fund, the Student Assistance Fund with the following purpose and procedure:

The purpose of the Student Assistance Fund is to provide enhanced support for students who are homeless or at risk, especially those attending Robert Fulton Elementary School. Requests for financial assistance can be made by the Principal or school staff authorized by the Principal and must be submitted in writing through the Eagle’s Nest coordinators for vestry approval.

4. Lay Pastoral Assistant

Resolved that the vestry endorses the engagement of Linda Bruce to provide lay pastoral assistance during the Rector’s Sabbatical Leave from June 2 to September 2, 2014.

POPCORN THEOLOGY

“Inside Job”

Friday, May 9, 2014 - 7:00 p.m. - Parish Hall (Contact: Debbie Carter)

Inside Job provides a comprehensive analysis of the global financial crisis of 2008, which, at a cost over \$20 trillion, caused millions of people to lose their jobs and homes in the worst recession since the Great Depression, and nearly resulted in a global financial collapse. Through exhaustive research and extensive interviews with key financial insiders, politicians, journalists, and academics, the film traces the rise of a rogue industry that has corrupted politics, regulation, and academia. The film, narrated by Matt Damon, was made on location in the United States, Iceland, England, France, Singapore, and China.

(This will be the last movie scheduled for the current Popcorn Theology season.)

TREASURER'S REPORT

We have finished our first fiscal quarter with a better than expected income level. I would like to thank those who were able to complete their 2013 pledges this past month. That extra "shot" of cash certainly helped us off to a good start. I also want to thank those who were able to catch up on their 2014 pledges. The combination of these two actions has allowed us to remain current with our Fair Share pledge to the Diocese, while handling all of our bills.

Careful expense management has become a standard operating procedure at St. John's. Being able to report that our Vestry and all of the various ministries are working hard to keep all of our expenditures within budget guidelines has become the norm rather than the exception. This is certainly an excellent habit to have as we prepare for a potential capital campaign. As promised last month, the status of our income and expenses through the end of the first quarter are provided below.

I can also report that our clean up of our account practices and accounts is moving forward. Our financial advisor and I will be meeting with the accountants to begin the review process of our books for 2009, 2010, and 2011. 2012 and 2013 fiscal years will be ready for final review within the next few weeks. With our finances in order, we will be ready to approach both the Diocesan Standing Committee and local financial institutions regarding the necessary financing of our Courtyard/Welcoming Center project.

The Vestry, Finance Committee and I welcome your questions or concerns. Thank you everyone who support St. John's ministries through your giving and your involvement.

	MONTH: <u>MARCH</u>		YEAR-TO-DATE	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Pledged Contributions	\$30,323	\$27,750	\$91,627	\$83,250
Non-Pledged contributions	\$3,140	\$3,333	\$8,000	\$10,000
Total Income	\$63,707	\$57,120	\$150,439	\$144,362
Total Expense	\$68,646	\$59,532	\$171,067	\$178,597

Submitted by,

Steve Latshaw, Treasurer



.....*Together, We Did It, Again!*

Due to your caring and participation, **1,018** pairs of shoes were sent out to the Souls 4 Soles program this year.

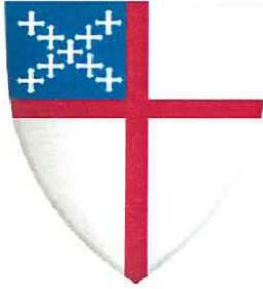
Additional thanks to Phoenix Courier Ltd who again picked up the shoes to transport to New Jersey, the J2A young people who helped with the packing and lined up to do a great job of loading the truck, Aaron Spicher and Bill Gross who helped numerous times to load and transport boxes and Helena Carroll who made our poster again this year and kept track of our progress. **"I Am - One World"**.

Submitted by, *Barbara Landis*

Diocese of Central Pa.

Bishop's Open

Golf Tournament



Monday, June 23rd, 2014

10:00 am Shotgun Start

4 Person Scramble

at Tanglewood Manor Golf Club

Benefits:

St. Barnabas Center

for Ministry .

Located in Harrisburg, PA



Hosted by:

St. James Episcopal Church, Lancaster, PA

**SIGN UP
NOW!!!**

**ATTENTION!!!
ALL GOLFERS**

Tournament Information

Date: Monday, June 23, 2014

Time: 10:00am Shotgun Start

Place: Tanglewood Manor Golf Course
Quarryville, PA 17566

Format: Four Person Scramble Tournament

*** You may sign up as an individual or a group of 2-3 golfers **
The tournament committee will pair you other golfers to create a
foursome.*

Cost: \$95.00 per Player (\$380.00 for a Foursome)

\$20.00 for Dinner Only (No Golf)

Contact Us:

Tim Mackey, Tournament Chairman

E-Mail: yb1961@comcast.net

Phone # (717)-490-0042

Entry Fee Includes

Greens Fee, Cart Fees, Prizes, Contests,
Refreshments, Team Picture, Gift
and Dinner.

Bishop Nathan Baxter



Bishop Baxter has advised that he will designate the net proceeds of the tournament for the **St. Barnabas Center for Ministry** in Harrisburg, PA .

*Bishop Baxter has announced his retirement in May 2014.
Let's send him and his wife, Mary Ellen off with the most
successful Bishop's Open ever!*

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 **May—July, 2014**. The blank areas remain available. Thank you for supporting this ministry at St. John's.



SUNDAY DATE	(1)	(2)
MAY 4	Shelby & Mike Kilhefner	
MAY 11	Stephanie McGovern	
MAY 18	Gross Family	Rich & Tammy Collier
MAY 25	Betty Juslin-Asplin	John & Helen Miller
JUNE 1	Patti Means	Shelby & Mike Kilhefner
JUNE 8	Charles Alexander	
JUNE 15	Scott & Sherry Qualls	
JUNE 22	Phil & Hilary Becker	
JUNE 29	Hartman Trust	
JULY 6	Kilp Family	
JULY 13	Faith D'Urbano	Scott & Sherry Qualls
JULY 20	Fr. Emmert Trust	
JULY 27		

VOYAGERS



The Voyagers are looking forward to their meeting on Saturday, May 24, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall! Our featured speaker will be St. John's own Phil Becker, who will tell us all about "Growing Up Next to the Parish Hall," with memories of his mother and father, brother, and sister in the Becker House.

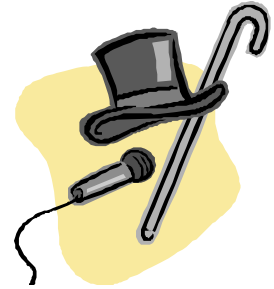
We will also use this special time to remember all our mothers with pictures of them and stories about them. This should be a nostalgic and fun-filled meeting not only for long-time parishioners but also for anyone who would like to come. Questions? Please feel free to contact Barbara Graeter.

STEWARDSHIP

Sharing Our God-given Gifts – Cabaret-style!

Friday, May 30, 7:00, Parish Hall

The Stewardship Team is hosting this **multi-generational** event for members of our St. John's community to share and showcase our God-given gifts and to enjoy each other's company:



Story, music, skit, dance, magic

Vocal or instrumental

Solo or group

Comedy or drama

Visual art

*Broadway, classical, folk, hip-hop, jazz, rock,
or your original creation*



Program: Food & Fellowship, Act I, Dessert, Act II.

**Bring: Food (finger foods, savory or sweet) or beverage to share
Soft drinks and juice will be provided.
(Free-will donations accepted)**



If you have a talent to share, please contact
Debbie Carter (299-1530 or dpcarterpa@verizon.net) or
Julie Gittens (606-9294 or jagwriting66@gmail.com).
(Children wishing to perform can be scheduled early,
if requested.)



Submitted by *Debbie Carter*, Vestry Steward for Stewardship



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School News

Karen DiPace, Sunday School Director

WOW!! This year has flown by in church school. I can't believe it is May already! Our teachers have been busy with Easter and Earth Sunday this past month. Come to class and see what they have planned for May! Our Pennies for Rafiki drive is going strong! Each class is collecting coins, as well as in a large jar in the parish hall which is almost full already! We again have a matching donor so we can double our donations!

SAVE THE DATES:

June 8th will be our parish picnic at Longs Park. All are welcome!

July 13th-17th is Vacation Bible School. More information to come soon!

Church school will continue to meet at 9:00 a.m. 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 9:00 a.m. 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!

Karen DiPace

Journey to Adulthood

Mary Ellen Kilp & Leslie Morgan, Co-Youth Directors

Easter was especially sweet for those who enjoyed the **J2A chocolate eggs**. Congrats to our teens and leaders on a wonderfully successful fundraiser: they raised over \$1,000!!!

On Sunday, May 4th, 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. Our graduates will offer a brief reflection. This year's high school graduates include: **Molly Brenton, Rachel Hreben, Joanie Kilhefner and Julia Hasircoglu**.

Summer is just around the corner... and it all begins at St. John's with our **annual parish picnic**. This year's picnic is scheduled for Sunday, June 8th; Pentecost Sunday and the last day of Church School and our Youth Program. The picnic will be held after the 10:15 service at Long's Park, in Lancaster. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided, please bring a favorite dish to share.

July is a busy month for our teens, with multiple opportunities for staying active. **Emma DiPace and Amelia Dissinger** will travel with other teens from our diocese to Philadelphia for this year's EYE, or Episcopal Youth Event. This triennial event will include time for prayer, service, education and fellowship. It is a huge honor to have two of our St. John's teens represent us!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

Our diocese is planning an **X-Teen and Mission Trip** to coincide with and support the work of EYE. The trip will begin on July 6th and conclude on July 15th. Please let Mary Ellen Kilp know if you are interested in attending, scholarship assistance is available.

Finally, what would summer be without our annual VBS? This year's **Vacation Bible School** is a reprise of an old favorite: **Beach Party!** We are recycling an "oldie but goodie". Many of the teens who serve as counselors will remember enjoying this VBS as a kid. As always, opportunities to get involved are abundant. Please let Pastor Jennifer know if you are available- there are many ways to help! VBS is scheduled from July 13th-18th, from 6-8:00 p.m. every night.

YOUTH CALENDAR OF EVENTS: 2014

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



BULLETIN BOARD POSTINGS:

CONSIDER THE READER

Here are some helpful hints to those who wish to publicize anything using the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Above all, consider the reader!

Use larger print: the minimum type size should be 16 points or larger;

Fewer words; Details should be limited to Names, Times and Places. No adjectives or adverbs.

Use Pictures as much as possible;

Color paper gives the board a little variety;

Newspaper or other media articles should highlight a church member or program;

Posting should be updated after three weeks; and

Extra flyers should be placed in the bin attached to the board or on the table nearby

The above hints will make your notices more noticeable to those who actually read the bulletin board. Thanks for your consideration.

JUBILEE MINISTRIES

Doing More With Less: A Fallacy

In the last few months, Jubilee has expanded the ministries in the church to:

- included Building Hope;
- started a new church garden;
- begun to refocus our Food Bank/Door Ministry efforts;
- made a donation to the Lighthouse Academy that is supported by the Rafiki Foundation.

The challenge to each of these is in replying to these needs without adding to the church's deficit. The Jubilee Ministries have been self supporting over the years primarily because of generous donations made by some individuals, grants from the Diocese and others, and your purchase of Grocery Cards on Sunday mornings. We urge you to continue and even increase your support of our ministries because the needs are not going away.

In addition to the above we will be working on some fun(d) raising efforts like the Shop for a Cause that took place after press time. These efforts will primarily be away from the church, and will be in compliance with the new fund raising policies.

So far this year, Building Hope received a \$500.00 grant from Operation Understanding. Eagles Nest received a \$350.00 which was less than previous years but it was the 12th consecutive year that we received a grant from Operation Understanding. This is a most unusual length of time to receive a grant from the same source and highlights our need to become more self supporting.

We ask your financial support of our Jubilee Ministries simply because we are meeting the needs of others. This is what makes us who we are. We cannot do more with less.

Submitted by,

John Gouveia

FULTON SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

A new opportunity has come to support our neighborhood school during the early summer weeks. A Summer Leadership Academy is being held for selected 4th and 5th graders starting the day after school ends in June. St. John's has committed to preparing (in our kitchen) and delivering a block away, 22 lunches from Wednesday, June 11 to Thursday, July 3 (16 days). The hope would be to have teams of volunteers who could be available from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, for once a week or whatever works for a schedule. To this end, a meeting will be held in the Parish Hall to explore possibilities on **Tuesday, May 6 at 4:00 p.m.**, note the inference of scheduling (Martha's Ministry gals). Please respond to Dave or Sue Martin with your questions and interest in supporting this opportunity. Even one time would be a help.

JUBILEE MINISTRIES (CONTINUED)

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

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.

EAGLE'S NEST (Contact: Sue Martin)

We have closed another successful season of the after school program which mentors selected 4th and 5th graders from Robert Fulton School. Many thanks to the following staff and volunteers who invest multiple hours, high energy, and a good sense of humor mixed with firm expectations every Weds. afternoon. To Jessica Houde, Program Director, Maria Sauder, Assistant Director, Janelle Yoder, Substitute Director, and volunteers; Barbara Graeter, Mike Higgs, Sandra Jackson, Cricket Johnson, Jackie Limroth, Sue and Dave Martin, Shirley Shaheen, Michael Stank, Sue Tobie, Matt Williamson and McCaskey teens (former nesters) Jessie Bartley and Bryanna David. While this may seem like a large number of already committed folks, the saying "it takes a village" applies here. Successful mentoring occurs with as small a ratio of adult to child as possible. If you are feeling the need for rewards, please consider volunteering with us for next season.

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST—(Contact: Sue Martin) *"Volunteers Welcome!"*

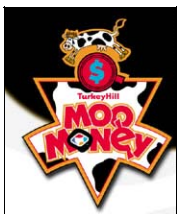
SATURDAY, MAY 17: 7:30-11:00 AM

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.

SPECIAL NOTE: COMMUNITY BREAKFAST IN JUNE IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 28, NOT JUNE 21.

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!



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.

GROCERY CARDS (Contact: Cynthia Minnich)

Total sales for March gave \$536 to Jubilee. That is \$60 more than last month. GOOD JOB! We need to continue with our better buying habits! Show Jubilee that we really care!

Our regular buyers and irregular buyers are doing well! Now, 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. (Continued on next page.)

JUBILEE MINISTRIES (CONTINUED)

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.

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

BETTY FINNEY AIDS MEMORIAL GARDEN

St. John's has been partnering with Dream Ride Projects for the last 3 years to support the Betty Finney AIDS Memorial Garden. This garden, was created to remember people in the Lancaster area who suffered and eventually died from the ravages of the AIDS virus. With the work of folks from St. John's and Dream Ride Projects, the garden has become a showcase within the Northwest Linear Park. Volunteers, as has been the case in past years, from St. Johns have assisted in the planting of annuals and perennials. In coming weeks this garden work will begin and last through the summer months.

Dream Ride Projects

Dream Ride Projects, a Lancaster-based non-profit organization, has recently resurrected its Dream Ride for AIDS fundraising & awareness event to support the Betty Finney House HIV/AIDS Memorial Garden through the Brian Wiker Fund. This fund was created by the family of Brian who was a member of St. John's and died from the AIDS virus.

The Dream Ride Lancaster Bicycling Event is scheduled for Saturday September 20, 2014. For more information to support this new effort visit www.DreamRideProjects.org and click on the Events & Rides section. Mike Ridgeway, the founder and Executive Director of Dream Ride Projects is the primary force behind this community organization.

Several events will take place at the Park in the near future. Saturday May 17 has been designated as the time for preparing the garden for planting starting at noon. Please see Sue or Dave Martin for details.

On Sunday afternoon May 18, 2014, AIDS International Candlelight Memorial Event will be held at the Park. Details of this event will be included the Sunday bulletin.

Thanks to everyone's efforts the Memorial Garden IS being resurrected to help our community continue to heal and understand the purpose of the Garden as well as commemorate the lives of everyone impacted by HIV/AIDS.

Submitted by,

Dave & Sue Martin

MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS



It seems like Spring just got here and the unpleasant memories of Winter are fading, when I realize its half over already. As long as the Winter seemed, the changes really are happening so fast that sometimes if we are not paying attention, we might miss the beauty of it. After spending 6 weeks of Lent searching, reflecting and preparing for Easter Day, the beauty of the Easter celebration can be breathe taking. This was depicted beautifully by our St. John's Alter on Easter Sunday morning.

I don't know about everyone else but, I think I spent as much or more time preparing for Easter as I did for Christmas but, maybe in a different way. Both holidays are about Jesus' coming and

how we embrace him and take him into our lives. That actually may not come so easily. As Mother Jen spoke in her homily on Easter Sunday, we spend a lot of time looking for Jesus and we each may find him in different places and in different faces.

The MDG committee hosted the Lenten series for 6 weeks, "I am.....one world" and if you did not get a chance to attend, the food and the community experience did not disappoint. We came together on Sunday nights and reflected and shared so much. We explored questions and our concerns for the world in an effort to determine our own individual answers we had for the space between "I am.....One world". The answers covered a broad spectrum and included all ages from our participants. One of the coolest parts was getting the perspective from the kids in our groups about the concerns they had for the world and what they could do about their concerns. From the smallest to the biggest, we all find Jesus in different places and faces and, the actions we are inspired to take, to affect change on our concerns can all make a difference. Whether it was collecting shoes, food, recycling, donating our time, donating some money or, dedicating our lives in different ways, it all works towards improving another life. The concerns are big but, every effort is a seed planted to work towards the solutions. The conclusion of our discussions and programs does not mean a conclusion of the process of reflecting, growing and taking action, as it is all an ongoing process.

The whole process going on in nature is symbolic and inspiring in so many ways. Just walking outside every day, I can hear the birds singing louder and see a little more green, a new flower pushing out and another just beginning to bloom. Nature is by no means finished and neither are we. As the seasons continue to change, the MDG committee will continue to meet on the 1st Thursday each month at 7pm, in the Becker House. Every year we look back at what we have accomplished in previous years and determine of the 8 MDGs, what else can we do? We encourage ongoing support for this year's 2 Goals and the 5 organizations:



"Achieving Universal Primary Education" and "Eradicating extreme poverty & hunger around the world."

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

How did you fill in the blank to "I am.....One World"? What action do you feel compelled to take? Please, come join us and, please continue to read the MDG challenges and incorporate them into your week.

Submitted by, *Tammy Collier*

PROPERTY CORNER

May's Property Corner message is one of gratitude:

Thank you, Mike Heider for creating a beautiful new lectern table that allows readers more comfortable access. Go up and take a look at Mike's always impressive craftsmanship.

Thank you, Andy Carroll, Anne Labatt-Gepert and Deb Smith for helping to complete the painting in Minister of Music Paul Reese's office near the choir room. Paul will soon be occupying his bright, new space.

Thank you to the spring clean-up crew, Hilary and Phil Becker, Andy Carroll, Toni Ehrhart, Jill and Bill Gross, Mike Heider, Cynthia Minnich, Leslie Morgan and Fr. John Morris, for helping to beautify our building and grounds for Holy Week.

Submitted by,

Bill Gross, Property Manager

ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE!



The upcoming **Primary Election Day on May 20** is the semi-annual Eagle's Nest fund raising event. For our largely Democratic neighborhood, this year's primary promises to be a lively, and important one. We expect a large turnout of voters who will happily support our neighborhood initiative of providing an enriching after school program, and will generously buy baked goods.

NEEDED will be a large amount of baked goods to sell! Please contribute cookies (not chocolate chip), brownies, other bars, breads both yeast and cake-type, muffins, fudge etc. We usually never have enough to last through the day and we don't offer pizza for the primary, just at the general election in November.

BRING ITEMS to church on May 18 or to the courtyard any time on May 20. Contact Sue Martin.

FOOD BANK REPORT

Food Bank Distributions: Jan-Mar 2014

	Single	Family
No. of Pkgs:	52	86
Approx Cost Each:	\$12.75	\$19.00
Subtotal:	\$663	\$1634
TOTAL:		\$2297

During the first three months of 2014, our door ministry gave out food packages that were worth nearly \$2300. In this same period, \$650 in food was purchased in bulk by the church to fill in the gaps in food donations. In addition to food donations, we would welcome monetary donations towards this effort; you may write a check to St. John's Episcopal Church and write **Food Bank** in the Memo line.

Thank you for your continuing support of our efforts to end hunger in Lancaster.

THANK YOU!

Dear St. John's Family,

You may have wondered, "Who are these Power people that we're praying for?" So I am writing both to express appreciation for your prayers and to enlighten you a bit about the recipients.

Mary Power, my sister-in-law, was diagnosed with Stage IV breast cancer last summer. She has been undergoing hormone treatment (to "starve" the cancer), and she and my brother have radically changed their diet and activity level. Her most recent PET scan showed no visible cancer, and her oncologist told her to come back in 6 months – Alleluia! (Lent will be over by the time you read this.)

Robert and Joan Power are my parents; my dad has had Parkinson's Disease for about 20 years. Last fall, PD-related hallucinations compelled my normally-gentle father to react with dangerous behavior, and he was hospitalized for several weeks. Fortunately, my parents' retirement complex opened a new memory-care unit, and my father is now settled in and dealing much better with his mental state. (He and I are currently working on his memoirs, actually a series of short stories from his childhood and professional life.) His situation is far from ideal, but it's far better than when he was an hour away from Mom.

All three Powers are now graduating to the Wednesday healing service prayer list, but I wanted to thank you all for your faithful prayers for them during these past several months!

With gratitude,

Debbie Power Carter



Can you guess who this happy couple is and/or where the picture was taken?

Answers can be found on Page 19.



A CURE FOR AFFLUENZA

*Then they began to beg Jesus to leave their neighborhood.
Mark 5:17*

Recently there has been a great controversy over the statue in front of St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Davidson, NC. Kate McIntyre, a church member who loved public art, left St. Alban's \$22,000 to be used for some piece of memorial art work. St. Alban's used the money to hire Timothy Schmalz, a Canadian artist, who designed a life-size bronze sculpture of a homeless Jesus Christ lying on a park bench. If not for the holes in the homeless man's feet, signifying the crucifixion, most people living in Davidson didn't realize it was Jesus Christ. They all thought it was just another homeless man.

The reaction to the sculpture by the people living in Davidson was mixed. Some loved it, however, the majority of the residents in this upper middle class neighborhood, didn't. A woman, who was driving by it in her car, called the police when she got home to complain about the homeless man who was sleeping in front of the church. Another resident asked why the money hadn't been put to another use. Most residents complained saying that the statue was a horrendous way to depict Jesus Christ.

The Rev. David Buck, St. Alban's rector, wasn't surprised by the negative reactions and neither am I. We, Americans, suffer from a disease called "affluenza", a term coined by psychologist G. Dick Miller. Affluenza is a disease that makes you believe that you are better than other people based solely on your financial situation. Luckily for us though, there is a cure for affluenza. I discovered its cure during this year's Lenten season. During this year's Lenten series, we spoke about St. John's Millennium Development Goal of ending hunger. I was able to learn about the problem of hunger in different parts of the world as well as right here in Lancaster City. The people who attend the weekly community breakfast and use our food bank are prime examples of it.

When you grow up in a capitalist country where poverty is viewed as a wholesome thanks to TV shows like "The Waltons", you tend to forget that waking up or going to sleep hungry aren't fun or wholesome. This is why we must be more assertive in our ways (individual and as a group) to try to find ways to end hunger. The ways to do it here at home are actually quite simple:

- 1) Donate food (especially fresh fruit and vegetables) to our food bank.
- 2) Volunteer at the Saturday morning community breakfast (see David or Sue Martin for more information).
- 3) Buy grocery cards.

And finally, invite people (friends, neighbors, and yes, strangers) to visit St. John's for a Sunday service. The simplicity of inviting a person here on a Sunday morning might encourage them to come back the following week. It's time to stop acting like the people of Gerasene and asking people to leave because of what they're doing, but rather, inviting them to stay in spite of what they're doing.

Submitted by,

Julie Gittens

PRAYER LIST

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List, please contact the church office and that 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
Nelson Craige
Faith D'Urbano
Linda Frederiksen
Bill & Lois Herzog
Stefan Latshaw
Bruce McCarter
Lorraine Nolan
Sue Purdy
Christian Stigelman
Leeton Thomas
Jared*

ANSWER



The answer to the picture question on Page 17 is:
Fred & Eleanor Honaman
Circa 1952-1953
Bangor Church
Churchtown, PA



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*

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*

LOST & FOUND

Look Familiar? Contact Patti in the Church Office.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Andersen, Bryna	9
Ashton, Rob	21
Bleecker, Karin	27
Breitegan, Jim (Sr)	27
Briggs, Sarah	17
Burch, Ken	3
Davis, Maggie	21
Fields, Amy	29
Fields, Bob	8
Ginolfi, Ray	30
Graeter, Barbara	3
Graeter, John	20
Greenfield, The Rev Peter	20
Gustafson, Greyson	19
Henry, Graham	8
Hogg, Ryan	23
Houston, John	27
Hreben, Michael	6
Hurlburt, Joe	30
Kane, Howard	27
Kilhefner, Michael	8
Lee, John	5
Linton, Debby	6
Loose, Eric	24
Loose, Julia	3
Lorenz, Joan	20
Magagna, Erin	24
McGee, Shirley	12
Means, Patti	23
Rahe, Deborah	9
Rahe, Emily	12
Rahe, Scott	5
Rahe, Zachary	15
Rhodes, Delia	28
Roden, Ted (Sr)	10
Schein, Liz	5
Segarra, Sonia	31
Smith, Dan	9
Smith, Mary	12
Springer, Graham	31
Tyson, Mary Jane	7
Watts, Eleanor	27
Zeller, Ken	2
Zuke, Brad	18



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Almy-Webber, Anne and Webber, Ben	05/29/2004
Bailey, Bob & Lyn	05/31/1969
Glazier, Penn & Mary	05/31/1969
Hogg, Bob & Linda	05/12/1984
Johnson, Bobby & Jennifer	05/08/2010
Lee, Bob & Maggie	05/29/1985
Qualls, Scott & Sherry	05/28/1983
Roden, Ted & Lynn	05/11/1991
Smith, Peter & Mary	05/08/1982

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.*



Did you happen to see the photograph of the rainbow over St. John's on the home page of our website? Thanks to Emily Gross, she was able to capture this GORGEOUS painting by God!



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

MAY 19, 2014

SERVING SCHEDULE – MAY, 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!"*

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

MAY 11	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Merle Schnee	Sibyl Freeman, Brad Moyer
Eucharistic Visitor	—	Karen Latshaw, Sue Martin, Julie Gittens
Lector	Sue Tobie	Bob Kilp
Server	—	James Woolson
Torch Bearer	—	Miriam Lester, Kylie Stone
Crucifer	—	John Waskowicz
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Steeple Bell Ringer	—	Max Lester
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team B
Greeter	—	Peter Novosel
Coffee Hour	Property Committee	Property Committee
Nursery	—	Mary Ellen Kilp

MAY 18	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Ricky Smith	Katie Mausolf, Peter Novosel
Eucharistic Visitor	Stephanie McGovern	Fred & Eleanor Honaman
Lector	Bob Lee	Frank Cummins
Server	Joanie Kilhefner	Michael Hreben
Torch Bearer	—	Danielle DiPace, Natalie Visco
Crucifer	—	Glenn Miller
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Steeple Bell Ringer	—	Lynn Hayford
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team C
Greeter	—	Leslie Morgan
Coffee Hour	Community Breakfast	Community Breakfast
Nursery	—	Katie Mausolf

MAY 25	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Peter Eaton	David Dissinger, Michael Stank
Eucharistic Visitor	—	Peter Novosel
Lector	Merle Schnee	Paula Wolf
Server	—	Aidan Cliff
Torch Bearer	—	Sean Cliff, Max Lester
Crucifer	—	Dave Pennell
Altar Guild	Team 4	Team 4
Steeple Bell Ringer	—	Garth Alexander
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team D
Greeter	—	Bruce Waskowicz
Coffee Hour	TBD	TBD
Nursery	—	Mary Waskowicz

JUNE 1	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	James Glazier	Barbara McGraw, Brad Moyer
Eucharistic Visitor	—	Don Durand, Fred & Eleanor Honaman
Lector	Fred Bush	Jeannie Zeller
Server	Joanie Kilhefner	Emma DiPace
Torch Bearer	—	Conor Brenton, Kendall Morgan
Crucifer	—	Bob Kilp
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	—	Aaron Hasircoglu
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	—	Brad Zuke
Coffee Hour/Lemonade	Waskowicz Family	TBD
Nursery	—	Jen Hreben