



# *St. John's Messenger*

**August, 2014**

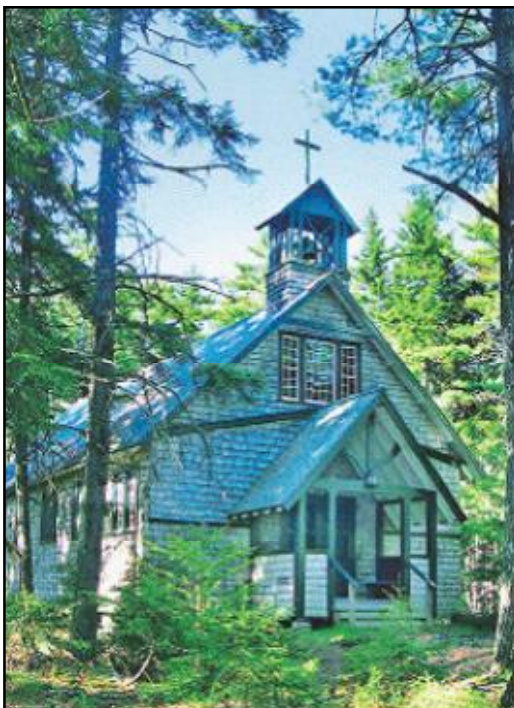
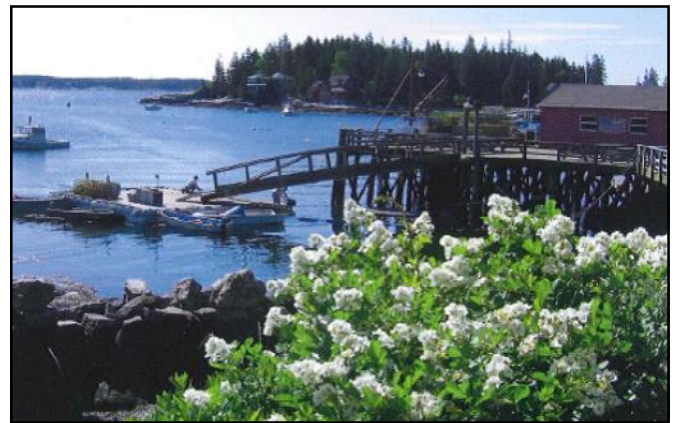
*from Fr. John W. Morris, Rector*

## *A Note from Maine!*

The following note was received in the church office from Fr. John.

*MacMahan Island is beautiful. It looks just like this picture which shows where we pick up our lobsters. This morning, the island was visited by the Market Boat—a sailboat filled with fresh baked goods and vegetables—a floating Central Market!*

*The temperature ranges from the 50's to the 70's. Each morning begins and every evening ends with crackling fire. At night, we're lulled to sleep by the soft sounds of surf washing over the rocky shore, a short walk from our front porch.*



*This is St. Cuthbert's Chapel which is very charming. The steeple bell is rung exactly 10 minutes before the service and precisely at 9:30 a.m. to begin the service. Music is provided by a reed organ—a big harmonica—but my first Sunday, the organist's boat was sunk by hurricane Arthur, so we sang acapella!*

*Hope all is well with everyone,*

*John+*

## MDG CHALLENGES FOR AUGUST

I Am, We Are.....One World

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half truths, and superficial relationships,  
so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,  
so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation,  
and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference  
in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done.

Franciscan Benediction

MDG Challenge for August 3rd

International Friendship Day

Extend a hand, a smile, a phone call, an email, everyday this week, in thanks for friends new and old.  
Then offer a prayer everyday this week, for peace in our world and that new friends can be established  
worldwide making handshakes more powerful than fists.

Make a commitment to be a friend and work toward that peacefulness.

MDG Challenge for August 10th

A question to consider:

What if you woke up today with only the things that you thanked God for yesterday?

MDG Challenge for August 17th

“Our life is frittered away by detail . . . simplify, simplify.” - Henry David Thoreau

Take a moment this week to take in the wealth of scenery where we live - fields, birds, flowers,  
gardens, and then think how you could put that feeling of peacefulness into someone else.

With an abundance of food on your table, how could you keep someone else from hunger?  
Cleaning out your closets? Remember those for whom your throw-aways would be cherished.

MDG Challenge for August 24th

“Use the bike as much as possible” Glen Lapp

Ride, walk, celebrate, support, the legacy of Lancaster County’s Glen Lapp, who was killed during  
his volunteering in Afghanistan. Go to the website below, say a prayer for peace and  
decide how you can bring your heart and friendship to this cause.

<http://pedalharderride.wordpress.com>

MDG Challenge for August 31st

“I’ve learned that you shouldn’t go through life with a catcher’s mitt on both hands; you need to be  
able to throw something back.” Maya Angelou

We are a strong faith community with local and global vision.  
Decide what you will throw back and then act positively this week.

# THE REV. JENNIFER E. LOOKER

St. John's had a beach party this July- and it was amazing!!! A diverse group of children from St. John's and the larger community enjoyed a fun-filled week at Vacation Bible School surfing through the scriptures and learning about God's love. Music, crafts, recreation, drama, outreach and group reflection time all served to teach how God gifts us in special ways.

A great big thank you to all who helped make this week possible, including:

Karen DiPace  
 Emily Gross  
 Mary Ellen Kilp  
 Maria Sauder  
 Marylee Sauder  
 Marla Lester  
 Leslie Morgan  
 Carol Stigelman  
 Bradley Mattson  
 Garth Alexander  
 Joe Way  
 April Way  
 Andy Carroll  
 Anne Carroll  
 Pam Loose  
 Janelle Stone  
 Pastor Jennifer  
 Fran Gouveia  
 Beth Van Aulen  
 Elspeth Moffat  
 Sue Heilman  
 Tiny Nolan  
 Lynn Hayford  
 Selena Hasircoglu

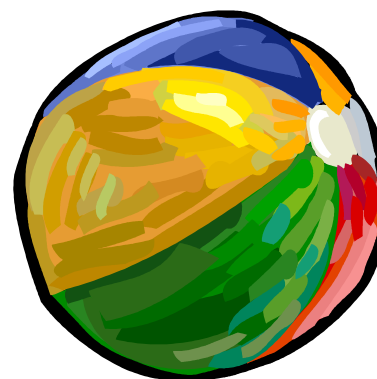
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 Snack Coordinator  
 Bible Story/Drama/Decoration  
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 Discovery Time  
 Discovery Time  
 Discovery Time  
 Discovery Time  
 Recreation  
 Recreation  
 Assembly leader  
 Group Leader  
 Group Leader  
 Group Leader  
 Group Leader  
 Registration  
 Registration  
 Banner/Decorations



Counselors:

Danielle DiPace  
 Emma DiPace  
 Kylie Stone  
 Dylan Stone  
 Maxwell Lester  
 Jackson Jarba  
 Tierza Mendez  
 Julia Hasircoglu  
 Aaron Hasircoglu  
 Allsya Pray  
 John Waskowicz  
 Rachel Hreben

Music/Drama  
 Music/Group Leader  
 Music/Drama  
 Recreation  
 Group Leader  
 Snack  
 Crafts  
 Group Leader  
 Group Leader  
 Music/Group Leader  
 Drama/Group Leader  
 Group Leader





## THE REV. JENNIFER E. LOOKER

Thank you to the many individuals who supported our VBS with donations of food, supplies and money. A very special thanks to Zion Lutheran Church in Leola, who allowed us to borrow many of the decorations used. Thank you also to Bill Gross and Aaron Spicher for their help throughout the week, and to Patti Means for her work in getting information published.

One last word: please make a point to thank Karen DiPace for her role as Church School Director and VBS coordinator. She has faithfully and quietly organized and supported our Vacation Bible School ministry for the past seven years. It is a massive job with a high impact. Thank you, Karen!!!!

Congratulations to everyone who helped make this an extraordinary event- can't wait till next year!

*Jennifer+*





**THE RIGHT REVEREND ROBERT R. GEPERT  
BISHOP PROVISIONAL OF THE DIOCESE OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA**

**WILL ORDAIN:**

**CARENDA BAKER  
&  
SARAH CATHERINE GINOLFI**

**TO THE SACRED ORDER OF DEACONS  
IN CHRIST'S ONE, HOLY, CATHOLIC, AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH**

**ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 23RD AT 11 AM  
AT**

**SAINT STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL  
221 NORTH FRONT STREET  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA**

***YOUR PRAYERS AND PRESENCE ARE REQUESTED***

***CLERGY ARE EXPECTED TO VEST AND PROCESS  
(CHOIR DRESS AND RED STOLE)***

***Sarah Ginolfi was raised at St. John's and is the daughter of The Rev. Priscilla (former Deacon at St. John's) and Raymond Ginolfi. We congratulate Sarah on her ordination and wish her well as she continues her ministry as Missioner for youth and young adults at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Indianapolis, Indiana.***

## SENIOR WARDEN

### *August: Time to Gear Up!*

August is here again! If you could sniff around St. Johns, you would find a number of ways in which people have been very busy preparing for the start-up of our fall season. You would also find others whose work hasn't changed much from the rest of the year. Here's a quick review of a few of each:

**Music:** Choir and Bell Ringer directors have been reviewing selections and putting together their schedules for rehearsals and for special as well as regular performances. At the same time, we have enjoyed special summer music.

**Education:** In addition to the usual summer preparation for the start-up of Sunday classes in youth education, there are some innovations in the works that will give a slight tweek to our whole educational schedule, and will especially affect adult ed. Watch for them!

**Food Shelf:** This ministry has not slowed down at all through the summer ô hunger takes no "vacation." And we have had special efforts from many parishioners to strengthen food gifts through our parish garden. And the fall will bring some changes in the way this service to our community will be organized and strengthened.

**Building maintenance:** The sacristy has been given a new face-lift, as has some of the rental property rooms. Work continues on sidewalk and parking area renovations. And regular maintenance has had no summer off!

**Office:** More-or-less full steam ahead all summer long! Hats off for faithful and tireless work.

**Finance:** Unfortunately, bills keep arriving that need to be paid even though giving falls off during the summer. This calls for judgment and juggling on the part of our financial staff. August carries a quiet, implicit hope that things will soon turn around as the parish returns to its regular (non-summer) habits. As summer draws to an end, more than a few givers realize that they need to play catch-up in their stewardship commitments. 'Twould be great to begin September with healthy financials. Can you help us out?

**Worship:** Amidst all the variables and unpredictables of the summer, worship at St. Johns remains rock solid. The weekly service of our Lay Ministers, ushers and pastoral staff (the more so with the absence of Fr. John) is something that we tend to take for granted at St. Johns even in summer ô until, sometimes, we miss the rejuvenating experience of liturgy and eucharist while on vacation. Supremely, God took no vacation during the summer, and God will lead us into our fall season through the Holy Spirit. Up, up, and away ô there are great things ahead!

Submitted by,

*John Herzog*  
Senior Warden

## TREASURER'S REPORT

As is so often the case, I have good news and not so good news to share with you. The good news you may have already seen in the bulletin earlier in the month of July. Our pledged and total income continues to be ahead of plan. The not so good news, our non-pledged income is lagging compared to both the target budget and last year. Other good news is the expense control being exercised by your Vestry and various ministries leadership is keeping our expenses well within tolerance of our budget target levels. The not so good news, expenses continue to be greater than our income.

The Finance Committee dedicated most of its monthly meeting addressing the cash flow issue. Our priorities have been and continue to be, 1) payroll, 2) operational expenses, and 3) our Diocesan Fair Share. All invoices are paid just prior to incurring a late fee penalty. The Diocesan Fair Share has been taking the biggest hit and is currently 3 months behind. We are also investigating paying some of our quarterly bills and the monthly or installment basis.

How can you help? There are about 20 weeks left in the year. If each household could give just \$5 a week we would realize approximately \$14,000 from our pledging families and at least \$2,500 from our non-pledging units. Will this balance our budget? Obviously not. It will, however provide us with additional cash to meet our continuing obligations.

Here are the numbers for the end of June, which is also the end of our fiscal 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter:

	June		Year to Date		Annual
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Pledged Contributions	\$28,380	\$27,750	\$173,882	\$166,500	\$333,000
Non-Pledged Contributions	\$2,765	\$3,333	\$15,521	\$20,000	\$40,000
Total Income	\$43,400	\$42,679	\$291,018	\$287,775	\$576,350
Total Expenses	\$46,309	\$59,224	\$337,486	\$357,894	\$714,389

I would also like to tell everyone of a very special gift that St. John's received. In August 1986, Minerva Bowers entered Life Eternal. In her will she did two (2) things. First, she established a Trust for the care of a very close friend. The second is that she made St. John's one of the beneficiaries of that Trust upon the death of her close friend. The friend recently also passed and St. John's has received \$68,575 as its share of the residual of that Trust. We cannot thank Minerva's family, but we certainly remember her in our prayers for the blessing and example that she has given us.

Finally, just a reminder of an opportunity that is available in the form of the Assistant Treasurer position. If you are interested in more information regarding the position, please contact me.

As always, any questions or concerns may be directed to any member of your Vestry or Finance Committee.

Submitted by,

*Steve Latshaw*, Treasurer

## STEWARDSHIP

### *Ministry Opportunities Survey:*

### *“Sharing Our God-Given Gifts”*

Each person has a unique set of God-given gifts. God trusts us, as good stewards, to find ways that we can joyfully share our talents to do God’s work.

The Stewardship Committee is conducting a **Ministry Opportunities Survey** to help us find new ways that we can share our gifts through the ministries at St. John’s. This 3-page survey lists most of our parish ministries, including some that are new or expanding, and provides boxes for people to check to indicate which ministries they would like to explore.

You may submit the survey online or on paper, whichever you prefer:

Online: [www.websurveymaster.com/s/StJohns\\_Ministries\\_Survey\\_2014](http://www.websurveymaster.com/s/StJohns_Ministries_Survey_2014)

Paper: Copies are available in Parish Hall. Look for a stack of surveys next to a blue box, fill one out, and place your completed survey in that box. (You may also hand it to an usher or mail it to the church office.)



The new **Ministries Catalog** is a great companion document to the survey. While you’re looking over the list and deciding which ministries you’d like to explore, you can find more information about each one in the catalog. If you attended our June 15 parish mini-meeting, you were given a copy of this publication. A stack of Ministries Catalogs is also beside the blue survey box in Parish Hall. (The catalog will also be available online and may already be there by the time you read this.)

## REFLECTIONS FROM THE PEW

The Evangelism Committee invites you to share your personal reflections on faith, spirituality and St. John’s in a new section of our blog: **REFLECTIONS FROM THE PEW**. Submissions may be written pieces and/or images (with permission from those pictured). Please send to Julie Gittens at [jagwriting66@gmail.com](mailto:jagwriting66@gmail.com). If you don’t have access to the internet, contact Julie at 717-606-9294.

This new blog category is among six others created to keep parishioners and visitors up to date on: Events & Activities, Pastoral Messages, Service Times, The Messenger, The Mission Fields, and Worship. All postings may be accessed from St. John’s website: [www.stjohns-lancaster.org](http://www.stjohns-lancaster.org).

Have you signed up to receive email notifications when a new blog entry is posted in any or all of the categories? If not, go to: <http://www.stjohns-lancaster.org/blog/> and view the section at the top left to “SUBSCRIBE”.



## 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 August—October, 2014. The blank areas remain available. Thank you for supporting this ministry at St. John's.



SUNDAY DATE	(1)	(2)
AUGUST 3		
AUGUST 10	Carolyn Maxey	
AUGUST 17		
AUGUST 24	Gross Family	
AUGUST 31	Alvena Kuser	
SEPTEMBER 7		
SEPTEMBER 14	Cricket Johnson	
SEPTEMBER 21		
SEPTEMBER 28		
OCTOBER 5		
OCTOBER 12		
OCTOBER 19		
OCTOBER 26		

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

There are two (2) fall dates for special events which join all women from the Diocese. Keep these dates on your calendar and please ask questions about how you can participate. The Cape May, New Jersey retreat is September 26-28. The theme is "Healing Waters" (what better place to be?). Registration forms are on the Parish Hall bulletin board. Your \$25 registration fee will be paid by St. John's.

The Annual ECW Gathering, "Celebrating the Women of the Episcopal Church", is November 1st at Trinity Church, Jersey Shore, PA. Please join me while we celebrate our own Honored Woman.

Submitted by, *Sue Martin*

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## *Sunday School News*

*Karen DiPace, Sunday School Director*

### "SUMMERTIME FUN AT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2014"



## *Journey to Adulthood*

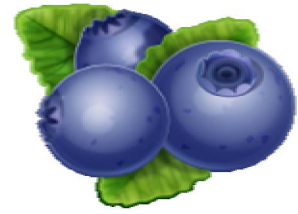
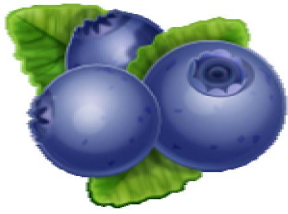
*Mary Ellen Kilp & Leslie Morgan, Co-Youth Directors*

Many thanks to all those who volunteered their time at this year's Vacation Bible School, including: **Danielle DiPace, Emma DiPace, Aaron Hasircoglu, Julia Hasircoglu, Rachel Hreben, Maxwell Lester, Tierza Mendez, Alyssa Pray, Dylan Stone, Kylie Stone, and John Waskowicz.** A very special thank you to **Emily Gross, Selena Hasircoglu and Maria Sauder** for their help as well.

Welcome back to **Emma DiPace**, who recently attended the Episcopal Youth Event in Philadelphia this July. Emma was a part of a delegation of teens representing our Diocese. **David Kilp**, a recent graduate and St. John's member, has been serving as an intern in the Diocese of Pennsylvania and helped organize this year's EYE. **Mary Ellen Kilp** also attended EYE to serve as a nurse. St. John's will hear more about their experience at EYE on a Sunday in August- more information to come!

Don't miss this year's Blueberry Festival, scheduled for Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the J2A pilgrimage. See the flyer in this month's Messenger for more information.

Finally, please prayerfully consider a ministry of teaching at St. John's. We are particularly in need of Rite 13 leaders this year. Rite 13 is a fabulous group of young people- it is an opportunity to make a difference that is lasting and real. Please let Mary Ellen Kilp or Pastor Jennifer know if you are interested.



# ~Blueberry Festival~

Saturday, August 23rd  
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

“Don’t miss an evening of jazz music  
in our beautiful Courtyard  
while feasting on all-things blueberry!”

Music by:  
Members of the 78th Army Band  
& Bradley Mattson on trumpet.

Tickets:  
\$5 per person

**All proceeds will benefit the J2A pilgrimage.**

## JUBILEE MINISTRIES

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**ALERT WORK MASS DAY**ô The All Lancaster Episcopal Response Team (**ALERT**) will again sponsor a ðWork Mass Dayð on Saturday, October 4. Teams of volunteers from the Episcopal Churches in the Lancaster Convocation will participate in working at tasks such as yard clean-up and other small jobs which home owners are not able to do themselves. If you are interested in helping or know someone who would benefit from this service, or if you would like to have a small group help with any tasks which you can not do, please contact Mike Gbur, Dave Martin, or Shirley Shaheen for more details. There will be a sign-up sheet posted in the Parish Hall for volunteers to sign their names and there will be another sign-up sheet for those who would like to request assistance.

**BETTY FINNEY HIV/AIDS MEMORIAL GARDEN**ô Dream Ride of Lancaster will be hosting a major fund-raising event on September 20, 2014. This event will be supporting several charities, one of which is to help finance the maintenance and improvements of the Betty Finney HIV/AIDS Memorial Garden located in the Northwest Linear Park.

Members of St. John's and others from the community are invited to participate in the ride. If not able to ride that day, one could support in the form of a pledge to someone who will be riding. More information is available on the bulletin board in the Parish House.

At this point, Dave Martin will be participating in the ride. Contact Dave for specifics about how to register for the ride as well as making a pledge.

**COMMUNITY BREAKFAST**ô (*Contact: Sue Martin*) **SATURDAY, AUGUST 17**—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.

**FOOD PANTRY** - (*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.

*Submitted by Anne Labat-Gepert:* Thanks to all of you who have brought in plastic grocery bags for the Lancaster County Council of Churches. These bags are used to hold meat, eggs and fresh vegetables for the people who are coming to pick up their monthly supplement of dried and canned food. If the council had to purchase the plastic bags, they would have to spend five cents for **EACH** bag. We use hundreds of bags each month. Just put your plastic grocery bags in the wicker hamper near the font. Thanks again, and keep up the good work!

A BIG thanks to all of you who bring in fresh, canned or dried foods and fresh eggs for our food pantry at St. John's. You cannot imagine the delight of the people who are receiving the food from our garden. Fresh fruits and vegetables, as you all know, are very expensive and are not easily purchased by our clients. They are very interested in what we have to give them and how to prepare it. On July 19 we had the added pleasure of being able to give out fresh food from our food-bank garden to the people who come to eat breakfast at the First Reformed church on the third Saturday of each month. We had carrots, red-skin potatoes, zucchini, cucumbers, green beans, kale, Swiss chard, garlic and onions ALL from our food-bank garden. The garden is located at the home of Doug Brown and Angela Cuthbert in Quarryville. So an added thanks to Doug, Angela and all the workers who help in the garden. We can always use more help. Please give Doug a call and he will tell you what he need to have done (717-288-2289). **As always, St. John's people have responded to a need. You are the many blessings at St. John's.**

## JUBILEE MINISTRIES (CONTINUED)

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**FULTON PARTNERSHIP** The annual Fulton Elementary School staff luncheon will be held on Thursday, August 21 at 12:00. All Eagle's Nest volunteers are invited to help prepare, serve, and clean up. Menu ideas would be welcomed. An additional thought that day would be to stay and give the kitchen a much needed house cleaning. At least the area will be cooled! from Sue

An opportunity for mentoring at risk seventh graders at Reynolds Middle School has emerged through the guidance of Big Brothers/Big Sisters. It would only need a commitment of having lunch (or breakfast) at the school with a matched student one day a week. This program, Paths to Success, was piloted last year with the goal being that these mentored young teens in turn are "bigs" to third graders at Fulton School. See Dave Martin for further details.

### **GROCERY CARDS** (Contact: Cynthia Minnich)

Total sales for June gave \$514.00 to Jubilee. We equaled May but it took us 5 Sundays to do the job. Let's hope that we can keep up the good work through the rest of the summer months. 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. 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**

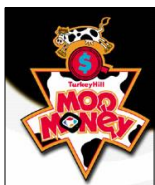
### **MARTHA'S MINISTRY** (Contact: Jeannie Zeller)

Summer knitting! And some are not. Come join us on any or all Tuesdays, from 2-4 p.m., this summer in our beautiful, air-conditioned Parish Hall for some cool knitting. We will provide a variety of yarns and some really adorable hat patterns for your knitting or crocheting pleasure.

A funny thing happened as I started to write this month's message. I typed in Blankets and Sew On, our original group name. Sometimes our minds play tricks on us and sometimes it's simply old age. I am grateful for this particular slip-up because it reminds me of our original mission. Our group is comprised of not only knitters, but also crocheters and sewers who create various items for local people who are in need of a warm item of clothing, whether it's a hat, scarf, sweater, or a colorful lap robe or prayer shawl. Please consider our invitation to contribute any of those items to help us meet our goal.

### **Special Note!**

We need a few people who are handy with a sewing needle and/or machine to help us get things ready for our St. Nick's Knits sale. Questions? Please contact Jeannie Zeller at [jeanniez@comcast.net](mailto:jeanniez@comcast.net)



**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.



## **The Millennium Development Goals**

# **Eight Goals for 2015**

- [Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger](#)
- [Achieve universal primary education](#)
- [Promote gender equality and empower women](#)
- [Reduce child mortality](#)
- [Improve maternal health](#)
- [Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases](#)
- [Ensure environmental sustainability](#)
- [Develop a global partnership for development](#)

### Millennium Development Goals Committee

The long awaited summer is in full swing and after a brief break the MDG committee will be resuming our meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month starting 8/7/14 at 7pm on the Becker House.

As was noted in the June Messenger, there is still a lot of work to be done on the 8 MDGs. The global world is continuing the conversations and the work to build on the MDGs. The MDG committee members have been doing a lot of thinking, emailing and sharing the last couple of months trying to determine where we go from here, how do we build on what we have done.

There are many ways we all can have an impact on our local and world community. Not just events and activities we plan but, other groups as well are working toward educating and inspiring. As individuals we can show support, participate and make an impact. One such event is the upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> annual "Pedal harder remedy ride" on Saturday 9/6/14. This annual Bike ride is done in memory of Glen Lapp and the medical team who died in Afghanistan in 2010. Go to <http://pedalharderride.wordpress.com/> to see the full story and get info about the bike ride and/or the 5K Walk added this year.

The ride is a memorial ride but, also raises funds for the R.N. scholarship fund for refugees who have ended up in Lancaster after living many years in refugee camps. Last year's ride raised \$5500 and all dollars raised go directly to refugee education. The ride has staggered start times depending on how long of a ride or walk you want to do. The start and finish are located at the Lancaster Church of the Brethren, 1601 Sunset Ave, and Lancaster PA 1760. The registration deadline is 8/29/14.

All are welcome to join us in the conversation and planning of this upcoming year's activities. We hope to continue to educate and offer inspiration our community. Please join us and, please continue to read the MDG challenges in the Messenger and printed each Sunday and give consideration as to how you can incorporate them into your lives and be "¡ amí ..one world".

*Submitted by,*

*Tammy Collier*

## PROPERTY CORNER

The Property Committee did not meet in July, due to vacations; however, we are in full swing with the painting of our rental properties (exterior) and the Sacristy. Some prep work was necessary, like the replacement of some shutters, entrance post tops and a cellar door.

We are bringing a new cleaning company (Jan-Pro) on-board for the Parish Hall and Church. I am slowly getting them up to speed.

The new computers have been brought on-line and are functional for the most part. We are still addressing some issues with Patti Means' e-mail and will be touching base with Drew Dorgan.

The WiFi appears to be up and running after a system-wide revamping by Emulous. So far, so good in this regard but, I'm keeping my fingers and toes crossed.

BrentMore Construction was in to repair roof leaks in the breezeway tower, which appears to be working after their second attempt.

I'm troubleshooting the erosion in the parking lot, responsible for the sidewalk sinking. I met with the McSherrys (civil engineers), who confirmed that the parking lot and adjacent areas are sinking. They recommend the coating/sealing of the parking lot after the holes are filled/sealed. After this is completed, I will be giving the go-ahead to the sidewalk pavers to restore the sidewalk so that it drains toward the curb away from the parking lot. The parking lot work is temporary in anticipation of digging up this area for the stormwater system.

The Property Committee will be meeting again Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.

Submitted by,

*Bill Gross, Property Manager*



## NEEDED! LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

St. John's is a church blessed in many ways. The folks who take communion to our homebound and hospitalized parishioners are a blessing as are the folks to whom we go. It is a very special time of celebrating our oneness in Christ and building our community of love.

Please consider becoming a LEV and get to know the amazing members of St. John's who can no longer join us on Sunday mornings. A LEV workshop/training is being held at the next THRIVE event on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Lancaster. Or if you want to accompany current LEVs anytime during the year, please let the church office know. We would love to grow in number so we can share communion more often with those who can't get to church anymore.

Questions? Call *Sue Heilman* at 717-951-0731



## DIOCESE OF CENTRAL PA Strengthens Congregational Leadership Through Lay Institute for Continuing Education on

**Saturday August 16<sup>th</sup>** (Child care is available upon request.)

# THRIVE



Theological  
Hope...to  
Re-new...&  
In-Vigorate  
Episcopalians

Leading through Formation, *Faith formation in church and home, and  
even in popular culture*

*A diocesan opportunity for children and youth and adult ministries in-formation.*

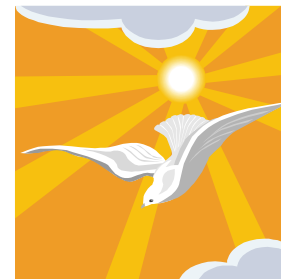
*Keynote speaker, Dr. Lisa Kimball, Professor of Christian Formation and Congregational Leadership Virginia Theological Seminary, her vision and mission at VTS: %the mission of the Center for the ministry of teaching, is to make God's promise of being loved and forgiven through Jesus Christ incarnate in trustworthy, resource-rich relationships, high quality, multi-media educational materials and research initiatives for a diverse Church.+*

### *1. Workshop opportunities:*

- a. LEV Certification,*
- b. Worship Leadership and design, youth and young adults*
- c. Children's Spirituality and Godly Play, international trainer, Dawn Stuart*
- d. Fresh ideas for your Sunday or weekday Christian Education classroom*
- e. Formation in the 21<sup>st</sup> century church, Dr. Lisa Kimball*
- f. Formation through finances*
- g. Parish discernment for gifts and vocation....and much more!*

### **Standard Saturday Schedule: Location:**

- 8:30 Registration St. Thomas Episcopal Church**
- 9:00 AM Prayer & Keynote Address 301 St. Thomas Rd**
- 10:00 AM Workshops Lancaster PA**
- 11:45 noon prayers**
- 12:30 Lunch**
- 1:00 PM Workshops **Online registration will open May 16th****
- 2:45 Commissioning (certificates) \$20.00 per person**
- 3:00 Dismissal**



For more information, check out our web page, School for Christian Ministry, [www.diocesecpa.org](http://www.diocesecpa.org) or call The Rev. Canon Robyn Szoke-Coolidge, Dean of SCS, 717-236-5959 ext. 112

## The Fireworks of Neutrality

*But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus,  
“And who is my neighbor?” Luke 10: 29*

Recently I was up late one night listening to the radio when I heard one of my favorite Elton John songs, “Tiny Dancer”. After hearing this one line, “Jesus freaks out in the streets handing tickets out for God”, I suddenly remembered the Fourth of July. This year, Independence Day fell on the first Friday in July, and as we all know, First Fridays are a big thing here in Lancaster City. Since I had the evening free, I decided to take a walk into Penn Square before going to see the fireworks at Clipper Stadium.

Well, I didn’t have to go to Clipper Stadium to see any fireworks; they were already going off when I got to Penn Square. There were two groups of people, ages early to mid-20s, each stating their side of the cause. Interestingly, both groups were Christians; however, each had a very different interpretation of the Bible. One group was very conservative; they were reading Bible passages, primarily from Paul’s letter to the Romans, regarding homosexuality. The other group was members of the GLBT community; they were holding up signs in protest to what the conservative Christians were saying. I spoke to both groups. After listening to each side, I did end up supporting one group over the other. In fact, I ran into Bob and Anne Geper and their friends, Karlah and Wendell Gibbs, and pointed to the signs I had written for one group.

The reason I mention this is because I’m trying to work my neutrality button. By neutrality button, I mean that I’m trying to listen to both sides equally, before choosing a side to support. In the matter at Penn Square, the decision was an easy one to make. However, regarding the current war between Israelis and Palestinians finding neutrality hasn’t been as easy to do. I’ve been reading news articles from different sources to hear both sides of this decades old conflict. A lot of my childhood friends are secular Jews so their support of Israel was automatic, and for me to tell them that I’m also looking at this from the Palestinians point of view has been seen as a betrayal by a few of them. I don’t want my friends to think that I’m betraying them or that I don’t support Israel; what I’d like them to see is why I’m remaining neutral on this issue. And on this particular issue, I think both sides are equally right and equally wrong. I pray there will be a non-violent reconciliation of differences.

There is no law that says because you belong to a particular group, you must support everything the group does. But the only way this will happen is if we learn to take off our group labels before taking sides. As Jesus explained in his parable of the Good Samaritan, people aren’t always what they seem to be. We need to remember that the person we least expect to be our neighbor will most likely end up being our best friend.

Submitted by,

*Julie Gittens*

**Have you subscribed to the DIOCESEAN DIGEST yet?  
If not, visit the following link:**

**<http://www.diocesepa.org/news/diocesandigest>**



## 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.



*Ron Baer  
Darlene Bentley  
Nelson Craige  
Faith D'Urbano  
Sandy Engle  
Linda Frederiksen  
Mercedes Gittens  
Kirchner Family  
Andrew Miller  
George Miller  
William Miller  
Pam Nolan  
Mary Power  
Robert & Joan Power  
Harry Rosman  
Jesse Rutledge  
Fiore Simeone  
Christian Stigelman  
Joana Tores & Family  
Dallas*

*For Our Homebound Parishioners  
and  
For Those Suffering from Addictions*

## SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Please remember those who are serving in our armed forces. If you would like to add or delete anyone from this list, please be sure to contact Patti Means in the church office.

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



**Copies of the Messenger are in  
the Welcome Center at the rear  
of the church.**

**Copies of the Vestry reports are  
posted on the bulletin board in  
the Parish Hall.**



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Becker, Phil	26
Bednar, Ed	28
Bentley, Darlene	27
Braught, Linda	8
Breitegan, David	25
Breitegan, Phyllis	18
Bush, Kay	26
Byrnes, Laela	8
Cliff, Aidan	3
Collier, Rich	7
Cummins, Frank	19
DeLeo, Justice	2
DeLeo, Liberty	11
Durand, Don	28
Durand, Elizabeth	30
Eckenrode, Nancy	16
Eshelman, Providence	20
Frey, Madison	29
Gbur, Mike	14
Gepert, Bob	24
Gokey, Sam	8
Gordon, Sarah	1
Herr, Susan	24
Houston, Nancy	2
Hreben, Rachel	21
Kane, Edith	23
Kauffman, Kim	3
Largent, Karen	22
Lester, Matt	21
Lester, Miriam	29
Loose, Pam	9
Magagna, Olivia	22
McCormick, Patti	7
McGovern, Stephanie	31
Miller, Helen	12
Mone, Chris	13
Morgan, Bruce	4
Morgan, Kendall	4
Morris, Cindy	11
Nemith, Nancy	26
Pfeiffer, Darleen	24
Puffer, Nancy	30
Qualls, Sherry	31
Rahe, Derek	16
Rainey, Virginia	22
Rhodes, James	8
Sanchez, Laura	23
Sweeney, Joanna	9
Walsh, Alan	23
Wendler, Emma	6
Williamson, Donna	25

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Paul & Drew Dorgan	8/18/84
John & Cindy Morris	8/24/74
Charlie & Joan Rahe	8/24/63
Alan & Marjie Walsh	8/22/92



**THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT  
ARTICLES FOR THE**

**SEPTEMBER  
"MESSENGER":**

**AUGUST 18**



# SERVING SCHEDULE – AUGUST, 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!"*

AUGUST 3	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Merle Schnee	Brad Moyer, Peter Novosel
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	ô	Fred & Eleanor Honaman
<b>Lector</b>	Ricky Smith	Frank Cummins
<b>Server</b>	Joanie Kilhefner	Aaron Hasircoglu
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	ô	Max & Miriam Lester
<b>Crucifer</b>	ô	John Waskowicz
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 1	Team 1
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	ô	Lynn Hayford
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team A
<b>Greeter</b>	ô	Bruce Waskowicz
<b>Coffee Hour/Lemonade</b>	Lester Family	Glenn Miller
<b>Nursery</b>	ô	Courtney Rhodes

AUGUST 10	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Laurie Eaton	Judy Arnold, Katie Mausolf
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	Stephanie McGovern	Don Durand, Phyllis Gbur
<b>Lector</b>	Peter Eaton	Fran Gouveia
<b>Server</b>	ô	James Woolson
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	ô	Kendall Morgan, Natalie Visco
<b>Crucifer</b>	ô	Glenn Miller
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 2	Team 2
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	ô	Aaron Hasircoglu
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team B
<b>Greeter</b>	ô	Bruce Waskowicz
<b>Coffee Hour/Lemonade</b>	Way Family	Jessica Rowland & Karen Straub
<b>Nursery</b>	ô	Sue Hurlburt

<b>AUGUST 17</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	James Glazier	Sibyl Freeman, Barbara McGraw
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	ô	Sue Martin, Fred & Eleanor Honaman
<b>Lector</b>	Merle Schnee	Bob Kilp
<b>Server</b>	Joanie Kilhefner	Dylan Stone
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	ô	Conor Brenton, Kylie Stone
<b>Crucifer</b>	ô	Dave Pennell
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 3	Team 3
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	ô	Brooks Morgan
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team C
<b>Greeter</b>	ô	Leslie Morgan
<b>Coffee Hour/Lemonade</b>	Graeter & Becker Families	Robert Baker
<b>Nursery</b>	ô	Mary Ellen Kilp

<b>AUGUST 24</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Ricky Smith	Brad Moyer, Peter Novosel
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	ô	Phyllis Gbur, Sue Heilman
<b>Lector</b>	Fred Bush	David Dissinger
<b>Server</b>	ô	Amelia Dissinger
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	ô	Sean Cliff, Nicholas DiPace
<b>Crucifer</b>	ô	Bob Kilp
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 4	Team 4
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	ô	Lorraine Nolan
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team D
<b>Greeter</b>	ô	Ted Loose
<b>Coffee Hour/Lemonade</b>	Woolson Family	Kilp Family
<b>Nursery</b>	ô	Katie Mausolf

<b>AUGUST 31</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	James Glazier	David Dissinger, Emily Gross
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	Phil Becker, Ricky Smith	Peter Novosel, Julie Gittens
<b>Lector</b>	Sue Tobie	Phil Purdy
<b>Server</b>	ô	Emma DiPace
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	ô	Danielle DiPace, Max Lester
<b>Crucifer</b>	ô	John Waskowicz
<b>Altar Guild</b>	TBD	Toni Ehrhart, Anne Labat-Gepert, Cynthia Minnich
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	ô	Emma DiPace
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team C
<b>Greeter</b>	ô	Carolyn Maxey
<b>Coffee Hour/Lemonade</b>	Debbie Carter & Bill Cater	Michael Stank
<b>Nursery</b>	ô	Mary Waskowicz

## LOOKING AHEAD TO: SEPTEMBER, 2014

SEPTEMBER 7	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Ricky Smith	Sibyl Freeman, Michael Stank
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	ô	Don Durand, Sue Heilman Fred & Eleanor Honaman
<b>Lector</b>	Bob Lee	Paula Wolf
<b>Server</b>	Joanie Kilhefner	Aidan Cliff
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	ô	Sean Cliff, Miriam Lester
<b>Crucifer</b>	ô	Glenn Miller
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 1	Team 1
<b>Steeple Bell Ringer</b>	ô	Danielle DiPace
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m.	Team A
<b>Greeter</b>	ô	Brad Zuke
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	TBD	TBD
<b>Nursery</b>	ô	Jen Hreben

# September



## 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 the Church Office

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.