



St. John's Messenger

October, 2014

from Fr. John W. Morris, Rector

STEWARDSHIP

One of the great joys for me of Sunday worship is hearing words rarely spoken elsewhere in our lives. Words like grace, forgiveness, mercy, peace, thanksgiving are words not often heard at work or at school, in the movies or in sports, or even in our homes. Even though these words are beautiful and speak to us about the best of who we are and what life means, they don't often escape the walls of the church's sanctuary.

I regret that words we use in church are not more a part of our daily life and experience. Yet I am also grateful that in church they remain treasured and real. When I am wearied by the coarseness of the world, feeling burdened by the weight of what I am hearing on the nightly news, I find comfort and hope in those Sunday words which God uses to speak to you and me.

One such word is stewardship which is not a funny church word meaning fund raising. In one word, what stewardship means is, caring. In its most ancient use it meant how the steward cared for the master's house, farm or family. In the broadest sense it means how we care for our world, nature, the environment. In church it means all this and one thing more. Stewardship means how we care for people, for one another, for our community, for our church.

To be a steward is to be someone who cares, actively. Jesus tells the story of a father with two sons who he asked to help work in the field. One said yes, but never got around to it. The other said no, but then later went to work. "Which of these children," Jesus asks, "did the will of their father?" This is the other part of stewardship. Showing that we really care.

At St. John's we have many opportunities to show that we care. Every one of our many ministries is an expression of caring. Those who care for music sing in the choir. Those who care about the poor serve at Community Breakfast. Those who care about children teach in Church School or one of our Christian education programs. And so on. The reason we seek to have many ministries is so all of us may have a means to share our God given gifts, living our lives as God's stewards, showing that we care.

There is, however, just one time a year when we all have the same opportunity to show that we care. Not all of us are musical. Not all can serve the poor. Not all of us are teachers. But each of us can support one another, all that is personally important to us, and whole lot more in the annual fall pledge drive. Making a pledge is the one way you can show you care about the whole church.

The first two Sundays in October will be dedicated to our ministry of stewardship. On the 5th we will hear from members of the parish about their stewardship story, how they understand stewardship and why the mission of St. John's is important to them. The 12th will be our In-Gathering Sunday as we begin to receive the pledges of support for the mission and ministries of our church in 2015.

I know we all care about St. John's. Help the words that give life continue to be heard. Support the ministries that are touching many lives. Share in the mission that Christ calls us and let your stewardship show.

John+

THE REV. JENNIFER E. LOOKER

October is one of my favorite times of the year. With brightly colored leaves swirling from trees, cool, crisp air, football games and festive pumpkins - what's not to love? It is also that time of the year when I begin to tñnestö. Gardens are tended, windows are washed, and the house is prepared for colder weather. My thoughts turn to shorter days and longer nights. And I find myself grateful. Grateful for the abundance of summer and fall; for tomatoes that have been canned, basil that has been frozen, for a house that will be warm and cozy in the months to come.

October invites a feeling of thankfulness. Of genuine gratitude for all the good things in life. One expression of that gratitude, for me, is participation in CROPWALK.

What is CROPWALK? In a few quick words: one of the most effective ways that I know to help stop hunger. The öCROPö organization began in 1947, with the mission of helping Midwest farmers share crops overseas with hungry people in Europe and Asia following World War II. The name CROP served as an acronym for öChristian Rural Overseas Programö, but has since changed to mean öCommunities Responding to Overcome Povertyö. This change reflects the fact that CROP currently supports both local and overseas hunger initiatives.

CROPWALK is a walking event sponsored by local communities in support of CROP to raise money to stop hunger. During the last two decades alone, more than five million CROP hunger walkers have participated in more than 36,000 walks. Communities within Lancaster County have a long tradition of supporting CROP. Beginning in 1974, the Lancaster County CROP Walks have raised well over \$3,000,000 to help feed the hungry. This is an amazing commitment. A commitment that members of St. John's have actively supported over the years.

This year's CROPWALK is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, October 19th, 1:00 p.m., at the Barnstormer Stadium. Anyone can (and should!) participate. Two routes are available for walking- one that is shorter in distance, and one that is more robust. **All "walkers" from St. John's are invited to gather in the Parish Hall at 12:00 p.m. for a quick bite to eat.** A sign up sheet is available in the parish hall. Sponsors should write a check to öCROPWALKö, with the memo line öSt. John's walkersö. Julie Gittens is the coordinator for CROP walk at St. John's and would be happy to answer any questions.

This is a simple, easy way to do something big. To make a lasting difference. In the face of overwhelming poverty and hunger, the CROPWALK provides an active response. One that is effective, immediate and both local and global in its scope. St. John's has a long tradition of supporting CROPWALK- I hope you will consider making this year an even greater success.

Jennifer+



MDG CHALLENGES FOR OCTOBER

"I Am, We AreOne World--Creating A Global Partnership"

öFor I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me. I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.ö Then the righteous will answer him saying, öLord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you? And the King answered them, öTruly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me.ö Matthew 25: 35-40

And so, We at St. John's ask ourselves - How can I help?

öWho are the Christ bearing strangers in my presence and around the world?

MDG Challenge for October 5th

öHunger is not a problem. It is an obscenity. How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.ö

- Anne Frank, Holocaust Victim

This is YOUR moment to improve the world.

MDG Challenge for October 12th

October 16, 2014 World Food Day

öWhen it comes to hunger, the only acceptable number is zero.ö

No one in the world should have to experience hunger. In addition to the cost of human suffering, the world as a whole loses when people do not have enough to eat. Hungry people have learning difficulties, are less productive at work, are sick more often and live shorter lives. The cost to the global economy because of malnutrition is the equivalent of US\$3.5 trillion a year. Hunger leads to increased levels of global insecurity and environmental degradation. Ending hunger is not just a moral imperative, but also a good investment for society.

Crop Walk is next Sunday, get involved in any way you can. YOU are needed!

MDG Challenge for October 19th

Crop Walk

More than 850 million people in the world are hungry, and as many as 35 million of them are Americans! Worldwide, some estimate that 40 million people die each year because of hunger and diseases related to malnutrition -- and many of them are children!

MDG Challenge for October 26th

"I have the audacity to believe that people everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for the minds and dignity, equality and freedom for their spirits."- Martin Luther King, Jr., American Civil Rights Leader

SENIOR WARDEN

Name Tags and Bridges

One Saturday back in August, I stuck one of those peel-off-the-back name tags on my shirt ô as did about twenty other parishioners from St. John's. This was the third Saturday of the month when we host the breakfast at First Reformed Church for those who come in off the streets to get a nutritious meal. The name tags, of course, represent part of our attempt to open up connections between ourselves and those whom we serve.

Later that day, I did the same thing again, at a picnic put on by the Chesapeake Corinthian Sailing Club (don't ask me what the "Corinthian" part is about). The CCSC picnic brought together quite a different group of people than the earlier breakfast, and our reasons for gathering were also quite different. In both gatherings, our name tags, that elementary initial self-disclosure of who we are, played an important role in establishing connections.

Two name tags , two meals ô actually, two quite different "worlds" in which I moved that day. One meal was part of my participation in the community of St. John's; the other was part of my participation in the sailing community.

I often try to sort out how my "primary world" of St. John's (this IS my primary community) relates to all the other "worlds" to which I belong, and I have done this a lot this summer because I've been away so much. How do we understand our world of St. John's in relation to all our other worlds? And going a step further, how to we at St. Johns reach out to others around us who might be quite different?

An article I read recently might help. We are, it suggested, living in a pluralistic world in which "a religion is judged by the benefits it brings to its nonmembers." That caught my attention because I believe that the Christian Faith, as incarnated at St. John's, has great potential for benefitting people all around us, not just ourselves.

The article continued: this means "being able to weave from your own religion's resources ô its scripture, doctrines, history, theology, poetry, heroes, etc. ô a coherent narrative and fundamental logic for being in positive relation with others, even though you disagree with them on some significant things. The metaphor of the bridge . . . proves useful in this situation. To seek to build a bridge means that you want a positive connection to those who are different than you But if you want a bridge to 'there,' you've got to have an anchor 'here,' and enough skill and knowledge to create something solid that people can travel over."

As we enter our fall season, let's think and pray about building at St. John's a solid and welcoming anchor to a bridge that reaches into our surrounding community. What do you treasure about St. John's? Is it worth sharing with others? Can it be made better? And how do we create travel (in both directions) across the bridge?

Maybe it starts with name tags. And then what?

Submitted by,

John Herzog

TREASURER'S REPORT

August and the beginning of September were especially challenging this year. We had unexpected expenses in the repair of the air conditioning service, the side walk, and the parking lot sealing and painting. The time period is also the time of the year when taxes are due as well as insurance and pension payments. Consequently, we found it necessary to take our 4th quarter draw early and to ask Vestry for an additional draw against our Endowment Fund earnings. The 4th quarter draw is reflected in the income numbers below. The extra draw will be shown in next month's numbers. We are fortunate to have an excellent Financial Investment Advisor, so that even this extra draw has not violated the principle of the account. Our total contributions are doing well against budget. I thank all of you for your efforts to maintain your contributions.

Every day expenses continue to be monitored very well. While all of our various ministries were maintaining their expense budgets either under or within our planned budget levels, the fact is simply that we must spend more money that we take in to meet all of our financial obligations. This is demonstrated by the fact that we have not been able to pay our Diocesan Fair Share for the last four (4) months. In the September Vestry meeting, I brought this forward for discussion. We had made a pledge to the Diocese and we should fulfill our pledge just as we are asking all of you to fulfill your pledge. The Vestry agreed and authorized the payment to be made using funds from the Endowment Investment account. Again, this draw will not touch the principle of the account, but will greatly reduce the total earnings for the year.

As you look at the August numbers below, please keep in mind that we have four (4) months remaining in this fiscal year. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to address them with any member of the Vestry, Finance Committee, or me. Thank you for all that each of you do to support the various ministries of St. John's.

Steve Latshaw, Treasurer

	August		Year-to-Date Actual	Annual Budget
	Actual	Budget		
Pledged contributions:	\$27,678	\$27,750	\$222,613	\$333,000
Non-pledged contributions:	\$2,815	\$3,333	\$21,099	\$40,000
Total Income (all sources):	\$54,248	\$47,104	\$389,536	\$576,350
Total Expense:	\$46,043	\$59,236	\$424,410	\$713,439

PARISH DIRECTORY

It's that time of year again when we ask you to visit the Parish Hall and review your personal information for our upcoming Stewardship mailing and Parish Directory.

It is very important that you review your ***name, address, telephone number(s), e-mail address, and birth dates***, and make any necessary revisions. **This information will be posted until OCTOBER 19.**

Copies of the new Parish Directory will be available for distribution at our annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, November 9th..

Thank you for taking the time to provide us with accurate information for our church database. It is greatly appreciated.

Patti Means, Parish Secretary

VESTRY RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were passed at the Vestry meeting on September 15, 2014.

1. Capital Campaign and Feasibility Consultant ó Resolve, upon the recommendation of the Feasibility Committee, the Vestry approves the employment of Horizon Stewardship to provide consulting services for the capital campaign and feasibility study at a fixed price rate of \$38,625 with \$7,725 to be paid from the labyrinth fund, and balance to be paid as Capital Campaign expense in 2015. *John Herzog called the question. Motion carried unanimously.*
2. Feasibility Committee - Resolve, that the Vestry of St. John's Church gives their genuine thanks to the members of the Feasibility Committee: Debbie Carter, Steve Latshaw, Ted Loose, and Rosemary Coverly Strickler (Chair), for their research and recommendation to the Vestry and discharges them with appreciation. *John Herzog called the question, Glenn Miller seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*
3. 2014-15 Millennium Development Goal ó Resolve, that the St. John's Vestry expresses their endorsement of and encouragement for the members of Millennium Development Goals Committee and adopts their recommendation of our 2014-15 parish MDG ó ðDevelop Global Partnershipsó. *John Herzog called the question. Toni Ehrhart seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*
4. 2015 Pledge Goal ó Resolve, to support in the coming year the mission and ministries of St. John's Episcopal Church the vestry sets for the fall stewardship program a parish pledge goal of \$ 345,000. *Debbie Carter called the question. Motion carried unanimously.*
5. Resolve that the Vestry of St. John's Church, authorizes the withdrawal an amount of \$20,700 from the endowment to catch up with our Diocesan Fair Share commitment and pay our obligation to Financial Focus. *Steve Latshaw seconded the motion. Glenn Miller called the question. The motion carried unanimously.*

PLEDGE CHECKS

In order to assist our weekly volunteer Counters, we're asking that you place only your pledge checks in to the pledge envelopes. Any additional checks that you would be contributing to a specific ministry can be placed in the offering plate. Thank you.



FOOD PANTRY STAPLES

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

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

Bring your food donations to the rear of the church on any Sunday or to the church office during the week.

"THANK YOU!"

PROPERTY CORNER

Thank you all for your recognition of us during Property Sunday on September 21st. It is always nice to know our planning and efforts are appreciated.

A new light fixture has been installed in the Sacristy, providing the finishing touch for the Sacristy project. Some classroom walls were patched and also refinished in preparation for the Sunday School year. Other plans are in the making with regard to our Christian Education. Plans are to have the Rite -13 kids redecorate their space in the undercroft. A new dehumidifier has been installed in the undercroft to reduce the moisture. Also enhanced storage has been requested for the auditorium level closet for storing Vacation Bible School materials. With the repair to the parish hall handicapped restroom, we are now in a better position to repair the damaged ceiling of the downstairs handicapped restroom.

Considerable time has been spent again on the parking lot. We finally received a quote for the sealing of the parking lot. We are very pleased with the outcome of the lot and the use of its handicapped spaces . With the redesign, we lost only one space, while creating two handicapped spaces. The handicapped parking has already received use from congregants and visitors alike. Although I would have liked to forego this project until the courtyard redesign, we were given no choice but to seal the lot to prevent movement and erosion beneath the surface.

We are in the process of updating our telephone list for our alarm company. Thanks to those individuals who have volunteered to meet with the fire company and secure our facilities, including the alarm system. Most of these individuals for our list already have master keys and are pretty familiar with our facilities. All individuals have been sent plans and descriptions of alarm zones for our facilities.

A broken window was brought to our attention at the All Purpose Room. A quote was received for \$485 dollars to replace the double paned insulated panel, which will take three weeks to complete.

Reminders

Please Join Us for our Annual Fall Clean-Up ó Saturday December 13th at 9 a.m. following a Youth Night Watch. We hope everyone can make this event, as we prepare God's house for the celebration of Christ's coming.

Our Meetings - While usually meeting on the first Monday of every month, our next Property Committee meeting will be on Monday, October 6th at 7 p.m. in the Becker House. Please join us in helping the many ministries of St. John's.

Submitted by,

Bill Gross
Property Manager

Your Property Committee

Phil Becker, Pete Eaton, Bob Fields, Bill Gross, Grant Hansel,
Mike Heider, Janice Henry, and Cynthia Minnich

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 **October—December, 2014**. The blank areas remain available. Thank you for supporting this ministry at St. Johnø.



SUNDAY DATE	(1)	(2)
OCTOBER 5		
OCTOBER 12	Dan & Priscilla Farmer	
OCTOBER 19	John & Barbara Graeter	
OCTOBER 26	John & Helen Miller	
NOVEMBER 2	Betty Juslin-Asplin	
NOVEMBER 9	Dave & Sue Martin	
NOVEMBER 16		
NOVEMBER 23	Ruth McDivitt	Jennifer Looker
NOVEMBER 30		
DECEMBER 7	Patti Means	
DECEMBER 14		
DECEMBER 21		
DECEMBER 28		

Attention!

Advent Altar Decorations

During the season of Advent 2014 (November 30 to December 21), we will not be using floral arrangements; instead, we will adorn our altars with greens.

Memorials and thanksgiving dedications are always appropriate and welcomed during every church season.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School News

Karen DiPace, Sunday School Director

Our Church School is off to a great start to the new school year! I hope you and your family are all settling into the new routine.

Please remember that Church school now begins at 9:00 a.m. in the classrooms. We will not be meeting in the Auditorium except on the 4th Sunday, October 26th. Registration forms are needed for all children and are available in the classrooms.

Saturday, October 18th is a Youth Trip to Knoebelø! Youth will be meeting at Holy Trinity in Shamokin and have a lock-in after the park. Church School families are invited to join them at Knoebelø for the afternoon/evening if they want! Park admission is free, cost is for whatever tickets and food you want to purchase! The park will be open from 2:00-10:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 19th is CROP Walk and everyone is welcome to join us for "Sneaker Sunday" at church, followed by the CROP Walk.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me - *Karen*

Journey to Adulthood

Mary Ellen Kilp & Leslie Morgan, Co-Youth Directors

September was a rocking-great way to start the calendar year! A few of the good things that happened: we commissioned and welcomed **our new Rite 13 teens and their leaders, James Glazier and Emily Gross**. We enjoyed ice cream sundaes and meandered through a corn maze at night. We spent the night at St. Thomas and offered prayers in a labyrinth.

October promises to bring many more opportunities for community, particularly service.

On **Saturday, October 4th**, **teens and families are encouraged to meet at St. John's for a work mass day, a day of service and worship**. Churches from across our Lancaster Convocation will assemble teams of people to offer help with small jobs around the house for people in need, particularly those that are homebound or elderly. Jobs will range from yard work to small repairs. This is a great opportunity to give back in a small but incredibly meaningful way! Please let Mary Ellen Kilp know if you are interested in attending.

And speaking of giving back! October means walking for the **CROP walk!** Save the date for **Sunday, October 19th**. Plan on walking or sponsoring (or both!). A sign-up sheet will be available for both sponsors and walkers in the parish hall. Everyone is encouraged to **wear sneakers that Sunday** in support of our CROP effort, even if you aren't able to walk. For more information please speak with Julie Gittens.

And last, but certainly not least! .. the **Battle of All Saints football game** (also affectionately known as the battle for Pastor Jennifer's favorite trophy) is on for **Sunday, November 2nd, at St. Thomas at 12:00 p.m.** If you are even remotely athletic, Pastor Jennifer wants you- and she is serious!!! It is time to start doing those push-ups people! And if you can't play? Come out and cheerlead. It's a seriously good time. Be in touch with Pastor Jennifer with any questions (or with suggestions for really great plays).

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ★ October 4 Work Mass Day at St. Thomas (all ages are welcome!)
- ★ October 17 Knoebelø, lock- in at
Christ Church Shamokin (Sat. 12PM until Sun. 12PM)
- ★ October 19 CROP WALK
- ★ October 26 Fourth Sunday Forum
- ★ November 2 Battle of the Saints
- ★ December 5 Nightwatch Trinity Williamsport (Fri. 7PM until Sat. 10AM)
- ★ December 12 Nightwatch St. Johnø Lancaster (Fri. 7PM until Sat. 10AM)
- ★ December 13 Rite 13 Coffee Hour
- ★ December 24 Christmas Pageant
- ★ February 13 -15 Happening (snow date is Feb. 20-22)
- ★ March 13 ó 15 Middle School Retreat
- ★ March PY3

“SHARING OUR GOD-GIVEN GIFTS”

Ministry Opportunities Survey: “Sharing Our God-Given Gifts”

The Stewardship Committee would like to finish up this round of ministry surveys, so please submit your paper or online survey by Ingathering Sunday, October 12 (the same day we make our financial commitments for 2015 by submitting our pledge cards). If your summer was especially busy, perhaps you missed or forgot about this opportunity, so hereø a recap:

Weøre conducting the survey to help us find new ways that we can share our gifts through the ministries of St. Johnø. This 3-page survey lists most of our parish ministries, including some that are new or expanding, and provides boxes for us to check to indicate which ministries we would like to explore. Printed copies are available from ushers or in Parish Hall; look for them next to a blue box, which is where youød place your completed survey. And if you missed getting a copy of the new **Ministries Catalog** at our last parish meeting, you can pick one up at the same places. (Itø a great reference for completing the ministry survey.) If you prefer, you can complete the survey online:

www.websurveymaster.com/s/StJohns_Ministries_Survey_2014.

Submitted by, *Debbie Carter*

JUBILEE MINISTRIES

ALERT WORK MASS DAY The All Lancaster Episcopal Response Team (**ALERT**) will again sponsor a Work Mass Day 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 is a sign-up sheet posted in the Parish Hall for volunteers to sign their names and there is another sign-up sheet for those who would like to request assistance.

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST (Contact: Sue Martin) **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18**—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 (7:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.).

EAGLE'S NEST—(Contact: Sue Martin)

As we look forward to another year of mentoring eager 4th and 5th graders on Wednesday afternoons, we also acknowledge that we are in the need of committed volunteers. Please see Sue Martin for details. This could be one of the most rewarding ministries you can be involved in. One key to success has been the ratio of children to adults. Let's continue our good work!

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. Monetary contributions are also welcomed for buying food to fill gaps in food donations. Please write **FOOD PANTRY** in the Memo line on your check. Food bags/boxes are organized for families and single people and are distributed from our church office on Tuesdays and Thursdays to those in need.

GROCERY CARDS (Contact: Cynthia Minnich)

Total sales for August gave \$415 to Jubilee. We did better this month than last, but it took 5 Sundays to do it. Step up everyone. 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)

An important part of our weekly meetings in the Parish Hall is fellowship, which I like to consider a distant relative of pastoral care. Please join us for an enriching and productive couple of hours on any Tuesday, from 2:00-4:00pm. We will all benefit from your presence.

Sacred Stitches Update:

The fall gathering of Sacred Stitches, our Diocesan knit group, was held at St. Thomas, Lancaster on September 12th. Pocket Prayer Shawls were our focus for the day. Our total for the day was 54. We continue to accept PPS from anyone with a deadline of November 1st. Our collected items will be presented to Veterans at the VA Hospital in Lebanon in time for Veterans Day.

JUBILEE MINISTRIES (CONTINUED)

Patterns are available on the DOCP website under Outreach or from our Martha's Ministry group members. Many thanks for the love and support of our work at St. John's. A special thanks to our church staff members who kindly leave us parking spaces each Tuesday for our handicapped members.



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.

ALL SOULS SUNDAY

Parishioners are invited to add names of departed loved ones to be read during the Prayers of the People at each service on Sunday, October 28th. These names will be added to the already-existing display of shimmering cards that will be hung in the nave for All Souls Sunday.

If you'd like to submit names, please take a note card from the rear of the church, print clearly, and drop it into the designated box at the rear of the church. The deadline for receiving names is: **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21st.**

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

The next major activity is the Diocesan Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 1st, held in Jersey Shore. I will be attending, with our parish Woman to be Honored and would love some company with which to make that long drive. There was a great show of support last November when St. John's hosted this event and it would be appropriate to show other areas of the diocese that same courtesy. Please contact me with your interest. November will be a busy month for our own parish ECW as we will be hosting coffee hour on November 9th and holding our annual meeting that evening which will kick-off our Angel Tree project.

Submitted by, *Sue Martin*

KITCHEN CARE!

With the start-up of regular coffee hour offerings, Eagle's Nest, and numerous hosting events, it is very important to keep our kitchen clean, uncluttered, and in good repair. Each user is asked to check out on the yellow list of items to address when leaving the kitchen. They are on a clipboard near the phone.

This format serves as a reminder to take care of your share of the clean-up after an event. It is not being used to police, rather as a support for safe and clean kitchen maintenance. One detail which helps the "clutter" issue, is to take leftovers with you. Once you have left it, no one feels responsible for its use, and leftovers tend to pile up, go out-of-date, get pushed to the back of the refrigerator, etc. Let's work together to keep the kitchen clean! Thank you!



ONE STEP AT A TIME

*Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord,
and he will repay him for his deed—Proverbs 19:17*

What do the words “jubilee” and “development” have in common with St. John’s church? Well, jubilee means “an occasion for rejoicing” and development means “to cause to grow and expand.” And, St. John’s is a Jubilee Church with Millennium Development Goals. These definitions are especially true when we participate in the annual CROP Hunger Walk which is sponsored by the LCCC (Lancaster County Council of Churches) and the CWS (Church World Services) in its goal to end hunger one step at a time.

This year’s annual CROP Hunger Walk will begin at 12:30 p.m. at the Barnstormer’s Stadium on Sunday, October 19th.

Everyone at St. John’s is welcomed to join our team of walkers. You can walk the entire distance of the walk or just a few blocks. Every step you take is fully appreciated. Last year, we raised over \$1,600. This year, I’d like our goal to be \$2,000. There are envelopes to place your donations. Please make all checks payable to St. John’s Church and write CROP Walk on the memo line.

“Don’t forget to wear your sneakers!”

Submitted by, *Julie Gittens*



POPCORN THEOLOGY

Friday, October 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

“Pay It Forward” (2000) (PG-13, USA) - Young Trevor McKinney, troubled by his mother's alcoholism and fears of his abusive-but-absent father, is caught up by an intriguing assignment from his new social studies teacher, Mr. Simonet. The assignment: think of something to change the world and put it into action. Trevor conjures the notion of paying a favor, not back, but forward--repaying good deeds not with payback, but with new good deeds done to three new people. Trevor's efforts to make good on his idea bring a revolution, not only in the lives of himself, his mother, and his physically and emotionally scarred teacher, but in those of an ever-widening circle of people completely unknown to him.

Please join us for a movie and popcorn! Bring a friend and stay afterward for the discussion, if you’d like. And we invite you to bring a donation of food for St. John’s food pantry.

Questions?

Contact: *Debbie Carter*

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.

Sarah Addicott
Rob Ashton
Darlene Bentley
Franklin Brown
Kay Bush
Vera Clarke
Nelson Craige
Faith D'Urbano
Maggie Davis
Liberty DeLeo
Amelia Dissinger
Nancy Eckenrode
Linda Frederiksen
Bill & Lois Herzog
Delores Howe
Mary Ellen Kilp
Olivia Lynch
Barbara McGraw
William Miller
Nancy Nemith
Lorraine Nolan
Mary Power
Robert & Joan Power
Sue Purdy
Christian Stigelman
Leeton Thomas
Barb Thompson



*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*



**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.**

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Almy-Webber, Anne	23
Bond, Tom	26
Breitegan Jr, James	31
Brenton, Conor	18
Carroll, Helena	8
Cliff, Tracy	23
Di Pace, Karen	7
Dissinger, Amelia	30
Donnelly, Judy	23
Drew, Nicholas	14
Freeman, Eric	12
Gbur, Phyllis	11
Gittens, Julie	14
Gordon, Ed	19
Greenfield, Carol	2
Grosh, Ann	9
Gross, Brian	17
Hobbins, Robbin	19
Jackson, Len	15
Latshaw, Andrei	15
Lester, Marla	27
Magbag, Kathleen	24
Martin, Sue	27
McCaskey, Betty	27
McCormick, Patrick	23
Miller, Bill	21
Minnich, Cynthia	24
Pfeiffer, Robert	26
Rivera, Julia	23
Schnee, Merle	19
Shaheen, Shaheen	21
Spicher, Aaron	31
Springer, Maggie	28
Stonerook, Carolyn	5
Stonerook, Tom	29
Van Aulen, Isabella	30
Winters, Lucy	19
Woolson, Matt	1



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	<u>Date</u>
Farmer, Dan & Priscilla	10/09/2004
Grove, Ned & Sandra	10/12/1985
Keller, Ellen & Michael	10/05/1991
Means, Patti & Allen	10/08/1988
Miller, John & Helen	10/31/1959
Murphy, Bob & Betty	10/16/2010
Pfeiffer, Bob & Darleen	10/01/1977
Plaxa, Jr., Peter & Kathleen	10/24/1981
Rodriguez, Julie & David	10/03/1998
Rodriguez, Raul & Vanessa	10/17/2009



Messenger Deadline

**THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT
ARTICLES FOR THE**

**NOVEMBER
"MESSENGER" IS:**

OCTOBER 20

**PLEASE NOTE THIS DATE
ON YOUR CALENDAR!**

SERVING SCHEDULE – OCTOBER, 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!"*

OCTOBER 5	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Ricky Smith	Sibyl Freeman, Michael Stank
Eucharistic Visitor	ô	Fred & Eleanor Honaman
Lector	Sue Tobie	Fran Gouveia
Server	Joanie Kilhefner	Michael Hreben
Torch Bearer	ô	Miriam Lester, Max Lester
Crucifer	ô	Glenn Miller
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	ô	Lynn Hayford
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	ô	Peter Novosel
Coffee Hour	Altar Guild	Altar Guild
Nursery	ô	Anne Gokey

OCTOBER 12	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Laurie Eaton	Brad Moyer, David Kilp
Eucharistic Visitor	Phil Becker, Ricky Smith	Julie Gittens, Peter Novosel
Lector	Peter Eaton	Tom Bond
Server	ô	James Woolson
Torch Bearer	ô	Sean Cliff, Michael Thompson
Crucifer	ô	Dave Pennell
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Steeple Bell Ringer	ô	Garth Alexander
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team B
Greeter	ô	Bruce Waskowicz
Coffee Hour	Vestry	Vestry
Nursery	ô	Janelle Stone

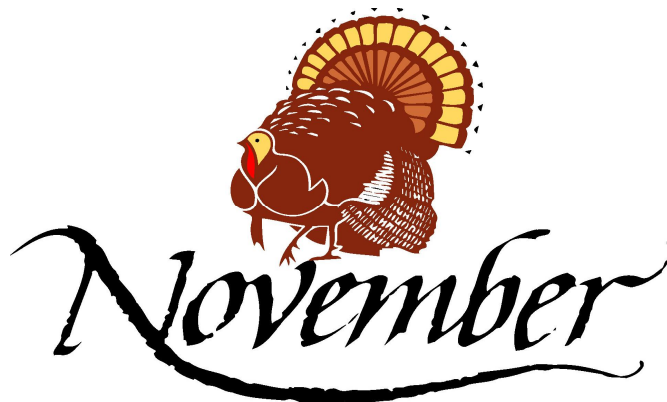
OCTOBER 19	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Aaron Spicher	Peter Novosel, Katie Mausolf
Eucharistic Visitor	ô	Don Durand, Phyllis Gbur Fred & Eleanor Honaman
Lector	Merle Schnee	Jane Lee
Server	Joanie Kilhefner	Amelia Dissinger
Torch Bearer	ô	Kendall Morgan, Natalie Visco
Crucifer	ô	Bob Kilp
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Steeple Bell Ringer	ô	Aaron Hasircoglu
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team C
Greeter	ô	Ted Loose
Coffee Hour	Community Breakfast	Community Breakfast
Nursery	ô	Leslie Morgan



OCTOBER 26	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Merle Schnee	Judy Arnold, Emily Gross
Eucharistic Visitor	ô	Karen Latshaw, Sue Martin
Lector	Fred Bush	Phil Purdy
Server	ô	Emma DiPace
Torch Bearer	ô	Conor Brenton, Danielle DiPace
Crucifer	ô	John Waskowicz
Altar Guild	Team 4	Team 4
Steeple Bell Ringer	ô	Brooks Morgan
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team D
Greeter	ô	Leslie Morgan
Coffee Hour	Stewardship	Stewardship
Nursery	ô	Elsbeth Moffatt

LOOKING AHEAD TO: NOVEMBER, 2014

NOVEMBER 2	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Aaron Spicher	Sibyl Freeman, Michael Stank
Eucharistic Visitor	Stephanie McGovern	Fred & Eleanor Honaman
Lector	Ricky Smith	Jeannie Zeller
Server	Joanie Kilhefner	Brooks Morgan
Torch Bearer	ô	Marla Lester, Kylie Stone
Crucifer	ô	Glenn Miller
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	ô	Lorraine Nolan
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team A
Greeter	ô	Brad Zuke
Coffee Hour	Voyagers / Sunday School	Voyagers / Sunday School
Nursery	ô	Marla Lester



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.