



St. John's Messenger

November, 2014

from Fr. John W. Morris, Rector

FALL PARISH MEETING

Reports and Elections

The 161st Annual Meeting of St. John's Episcopal Church, Lancaster will be held on Sunday, November 9th from 9:15 to 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall. This meeting will feature important reports relating to the building program and the election of four new members to the St. John's vestry.

In addition to the Treasurer's reports regarding our current and projected budgets and our endowment and restricted funds, Steve Latshaw will report on behalf of our Finance Steward, Charley Braught, on the work of the Finance Committee of Tom Stonerook, Sherry Qualls, Kent and Rosemary Stickler - with Financial Focus to bring our accounting in line with generally accepted accounting principles and to be reviewed by our accounting firm, Trout, Ebersole and Groff.

Debbie Carter, our vestry Steward for Stewardship, will up-date us on the results of our Gifts Survey and fall pledge drive, and will share plans for an upcoming Stewardship Event on November 14th.

Doug Brown who has been heading our Courtyard Committee will report on the research regarding storm water management. Doug, and those on his committee of Janice Henry, Debbie Carter, Cynthia Minnich, Peter Eaton, Grant Hansel, Bill Gross, Paula Wolf, Mike Heider, Sue Tobie, Brad Zuke, Steve Latshaw and Tammy Collier - have been in continuing dialogue with city officials and with RGA Architects who are directing the city's storm water management plan.

You will also be introduced to Scott McKenzie of Horizons Stewardship. Scott and Horizons were selected by the Feasibility Committee chaired by Rosemary Stickler and her committee members of Ted Loose, Steve Latshaw and Debbie Carter - and unanimously recommended to the vestry. Scott has been engaged by the vestry to help us assess the financial strength of our parish to embark on a capital campaign.

Those standing for election to the 2017 class of the vestry are Don Durand, Julie Gittens, Pam Loose and Deb Smith. Our thanks go to the Nominating Committee and its members John Herzog, Bob Murphy, Sue Heilman, Debbie Carter, Bruce Morgan, Glenn Miller, Peter Eaton and Bob Kilp for calling this fine class of candidates to serve on the vestry.

I also want to clarify that we will NOT elect our delegation to the special convention for Episcopal Election to be held on March 21, 2015. We will be represented by those elected last spring and who attended the annual Diocesan Convention in June and have participated in the full discernment process - John Herzog, David Kilp, Mary Ellen Kilp, Marylee Sauder, Aaron Spicher, and Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer.

This Parish Meeting promises to be a watershed moment for us at St. John's as we look forward to the prospect of a capital campaign for our church and the election of a new bishop for the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania.

John+

THE REV. JENNIFER E. LOOKER

In the early months of my ministry at St. John's I fretted about titles. I worried about what to call myself: Pastor Jennifer? Mother Jennifer? Reverend? I didn't feel particularly reverend, and I wasn't a mother, at least not yet. I settled on pastor with the hopes of living into the name. I also fretted about what to call all of you. Were you just parishioners? Or also friends? Family? I could have easily provided the seminary approved answer, but lived practice was something altogether different, something more complicated and less clear. Because although I endeavored to love and care for you in shared ministry, the fact is you loved and cared for me- and my family- in ways I could have never anticipated.

You were there for me when I wrestled with what it meant to be a young female priest in a world that didn't always approve. You were there for me during the early sleep deprived months of motherhood, when I struggled to balance my ministry with the demands of a young family. You were there for me when I came out as a survivor of sexual abuse; encouraging and empowering me to be my most authentic self, a voice and advocate for others. And you were there for me- and my children- when my marriage ended. You were there. Not just as parishioners, but as friends, as family, you were there. In your prayers, your hugs, your notes and books and many words of encouragement, you were there. In the midst of all that was painful and hard, lonely and discouraging, you were there. You were the real and abiding presence of God's grace in my life. And I am so thankful. Every day.

It is with the deepest joy and with a heart overflowing with gratitude that I invite you to be there on my wedding day. Bradley Mattson proposed to me on a beautiful August afternoon, and I said yes. I said yes to the unexpected grace of love found. I said yes to the hope and promise of a second chance, to God's boundless mercy. I said yes to the possibility of something more.

We will be married at St. John's on Sunday morning, November 23rd at 10:15 a.m. We requested a Sunday morning service because we wanted our family, our friends- all of you- to be a part of the beginning of our new lives together. Feel free to take a peek at what we have in mind:

<http://www.theknot.com/wedding/Mattson-and-Looker> I hope you will be able to attend. But, even if you aren't, please know that you have already been there in all the ways that have mattered.

Jennifer+



MDG CHALLENGES FOR NOVEMBER

November - A month to give thanks, a month to give hope.....

From Thomas Merton's private journal:

Yesterday, in Louisville, at the corner of 4th and Walnut, I suddenly realized that I loved all the people and that none of them were, or, could be totally alien to me. As if waking from a dream
· the dream of separateness, of the %special+vocation to be different. My vocation does not really make me different from the rest of men or put me in a special category except artificially, juridically. I am still a member of the human race · and what more glorious destiny is there for man, since the Word was made flesh and became, too, a member of the Human Race!

MDG Challenge for November 2nd

%My life is my message.+ Gandi

Think about messages in the past, then the present messages you are sending,
and then what message you might want to leave.

What gifts do you want to leave?

Start gifting today.....

MDG Challenge for November 9th

Veteran's Day Nov 11th

%The soldier above all others prays for peace, for it is the soldier who must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war.+ Douglas MacArthur

A solemn week as we hold in our prayers the individuals and the families of those who have served and gave their lives and those who serve today.

Let us ALL pray for peace and be peaceful.

MDG Challenge for November 16th

World Peace Day Nov 17th

%While you are proclaiming peace with your lips,
be careful to have it even more fully in your heart.+ St. Francis of Assisi
Practice peacefulness daily.

MDG Challenge for November 23rd

We came into the world empty handed. We leave empty handed.

As you extend your hand to help someone less fortunate up,
remember to give thanks for the opportunity to be actively working
to make a better world.

MDG Challenge for November 30th

Thanksgiving time is centered around family and food.

But what if your homeless?

We are their family, and they are ours, bring something to church for them to eat .

Blessings to you all!

UNITED THANK OFFERING

The logo for the United Thank Offering (UTO) consists of the letters "UTO" in a white, serif font, set against a blue, textured rectangular background.

“Our Change Changes Lives!”

I recently received a letter from the UTO Diocesan Coordinator with the above quote. I thought it was a perfect way to begin my letter reminding everyone of our **Fall United Thank Offering on Sunday, November 16th.**

Every penny collected from the Little Blue Boxes/Envelopes is used for grants to support projects to confront violence and poverty in communities, both here in the United States and throughout the world.

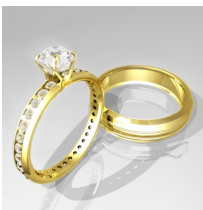
The UTO ingatherings have been a tradition here at St. John's. A way for us to give thanks for all our blessings and in turn, share our blessings with others. I hope you will continue to support this wonderful ministry.

If you cannot be present on Sunday, November 16th, you may send your offering to the church office at 321 West Chestnut Street, Lancaster, PA 17603,

Sincerely,

Phyllis M. Gbur
UTO Coordinator

PARISH REGISTER



Wedding

Bradley E. Moyer & Amanda L. Carlini
October 24, 2014

Deaths

Deborah Miles
October 9, 1955 - September 30, 2014

Donna A. Williamson
August 25, 1951 - September 30, 2014



FINANCIAL COMMITMENT AT ST. JOHN'S

Thank you to everyone who has made his or her 2015 pledge! The initial figures have been tallied, and at the October Vestry meeting, St. John's Vestry and clergy – based on guidance from the Finance Committee – began discussions about next year's budget. The Finance Committee has proposed creating three budgets for the Vestry to consider: one that adjusts expenses to expected revenue, another that has a 10 percent reach, and a third that has a deficit reflected.

As you know, St. John's finances have been tight. This fall, the Vestry approved taking an extra \$14,000 draw on the Endowment Fund to meet operating expenses and a \$20,7000 draw on the Endowment Investment account to meet our FairShare pledge to the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania. Neither draw touched the principals of the funds.

At its October meeting, the Vestry approved pledging, on behalf of the congregation, \$50,000 for St. John's 2015 FairShare contributions to the diocese. This amount represents a tithe (10 percent) of St. John's anticipated operating revenue for the coming year.

Why is it important to pay our Diocesan FairShare and to pay it on time? Because just as our households rely on incoming money to pay our bills, and just as St. John's relies on parishioners' contributions to pay its bills, the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania relies on FairShare contributions to run its operations. In fact, parishes' FairShare contributions represent 80 percent of the diocese's operating revenue.

FairShare contributions are used to strengthen parishes; develop new ministries; support children, youth and young adult programs; train and educate ministers; plan for the future; and connect with the Church beyond its boundaries.

The Vestry will keep you informed of the budget process as it evolves, and more will be discussed at the Parish Meeting on Nov. 9 at 9 a.m. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to ask a Vestry member or someone on the Finance Committee.

Submitted by,

Charles Braught
Finance Steward

Marylee Sauder
Communications Steward



THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

An ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve service will be offered at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m. The Rev. Rob Schoeck will be preaching. A combined choir featuring the voices of Lancaster churches will sing.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The third quarter of our fiscal year has been completed. Financially, it has been a tough quarter. Vestry approved both an extra draw and a supplemental draw from our Endowment Investment Account earnings. Thanks to the expert handling of this account by our investment advisor, we were able to make these extra draws without invading our core principal. Our pledged contributions were at 98.8% as of the end of the quarter, which was excellent. Unfortunately, the non-pledged income is lagging behind this year. Last year at this time we were on track to exceed \$50,000 in this income category. This year it appears that we will only obtain approximately \$32,000. Our total income from all sources ended the quarter at 92% of budget. The actual figures are given below.

On the expense side, our various ministries leadership continued to work hard to control expenditures. Our Financial Secretary is challenged every week to manage our cash flow in order to pay outstanding invoices prior to incurring a late fee penalty. Though individual budget line items may be over budget, the ministry categories are all either under or within acceptable tolerance of their total budget. Unfortunately, as you can see below, our everyday expenses continue to outpace our income. Remember as you look at these numbers that the monthly income reflects extra funds from the Endowment.

	September		Year-to-Date	Annual
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Pledged Contributions:	\$24,222	\$27,750	\$246,836	\$333,000
Non-Pledged Contributions:	\$2,738	\$3,333	\$23,837	\$40,000
Total Income:	\$93,918	\$56,599	\$479,573	\$576,390
Total Expense:	\$71,483	\$59,382	\$498,315	\$714,389

We continue to be in need of a volunteer to fill the position of Assistant Treasurer. The person filling this position will be asked to fill in for the Treasurer during his absence (such as vacations). There is **NO**, repeat **NO** expectations that this person will become the treasurer unless they so desire. Please see me or Charley Braught if you have any interest or questions regarding this position.

As always, my thanks go to everyone for their service and support of all the ministries of St. Johns.

Submitted by,

Steve Latshaw
Treasurer

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.

VESTRY RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were passed at the Vestry meeting on October 20, 2014:

1. 2015 Diocesan Fairshare - Resolved, that the Vestry of St. John's Episcopal Church, Lancaster, hereby certify that this 2015 Fairshare Pledge of \$50,000 is made on behalf of our congregation; and that it is our intention to pay this pledge for Fairshare on an equal monthly basis. And be it further resolved, that the 2015 Fairshare Pledge represents a title of our anticipated annual operating revenue for the coming year. *This resolution originated in Executive Committee. Peter Eaton moved to approve the resolution. Motion carried.*
2. Altar Guild Request - Resolved, that the St. John's Episcopal Church Vestry authorizes the purchase of white paraments, vestments and two fair linens at a cost not to exceed \$3000.00 using Altar Guild Restricted and Undesignated Memorial Funds. This resolution originated in Executive Committee. Peter Eaton called the question. Motion carried.
3. Fire Alarm Resolution - Resolved, that the St. John's Episcopal Church Vestry authorizes the installation of the Becker House fire alarm system by Select Security at a cost not to exceed \$5000.00. This expenditure is to be attributed to the 01-5138 Building Maintenance Expense account and will be funded by a withdrawal from the endowment. *This resolution originated in Property Committee. There was a discussion about the need for this. Steve warned everyone that the money will have to come from the endowment fund because we don't have the funds to pay for it. It has been budgeted in property, even at the time knowing that it was a deficit. It was also mentioned that it was not mandated by the city. This is a life safety issue. Sue Heilman called the question. Jane Lee seconded. Motion carried.*
4. Heating System Repair - Resolved, that the St. John's Episcopal Church Vestry authorizes the repair of the heating system by J&J Heating and Cooling, at a cost not to exceed \$1,900.00. This expenditure is to be attributed to the 01-5140 Building Repairs Expense account, and if necessary, will be funded by a withdrawal from the endowment. *This comes from Property Committee. Peter Eaton made the motion, John Herzog seconded it. The motion carried.*

CANDIDATES FOR VESTRY

At the Parish Meeting on Sunday, November 9th, the Nominating Committee will present the following candidates for Vestry:

Don Durand, Julie Gittens, Pam Loose, and Deb Smith

We are grateful for these who have stepped forward to fill Vestry positions. Please keep them, and the remaining eight members of the new Vestry, in your prayers.

“ST. NICK’S KNIT SALE!”

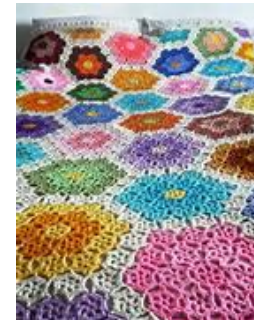


The annual “St. Nick’s Knit Sale” will be here before you know it! Mark your calendar and be sure to visit the members of our Martha’s Ministry in the Parish Hall on either of the following Sundays for their BIG knit sale!

NOVEMBER 30 & DECEMBER 7

The sale will be held after each of the services on those Sundays and all profits will be directed to our Jubilee ministries with a focus on our after-school program, ÷Eagle’s Nestö.

Please help to support our knitters, as they support our many ministries at St. John’s.



FOOD PANTRY STAPLES—ALWAYS WELCOMED!

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

The colder temperatures have resulted in an unanticipated conversion to heat and the start-up of our boilers. This process has not been without its challenges, resulting in considerable troubleshooting. Boiler 2 had a flow switch replaced because it was sticking and preventing the boiler from firing. And, the fresh air damper was replaced because it was not opening.

As if the cold wasn't bad enough, we experienced a power outage in October, which shut down our power plant, resulting in a chilly Sunday and no organ blower. We appreciate everyone's understanding on this matter and Paul Reese's excellent use of the piano that day. The power was restored later that day. And, we continue to investigate means of preventing a recurrence.

We will be extending our fire alarm system into the Becker House. Like the rest of the system, this installation will be a phased in approach, including gas and carbon monoxide detection to safeguard our parishioners and our property. With the updating our telephone list for Select Security, a need was identified to offer some orientation to those who have volunteered their services. Although names will be submitted, orientation will be conducted at the completion of the first phase of the Becker House installation, later this year. Again, thanks to those individuals who have volunteered to meet with the fire company and secure our facilities, including the alarm system.

The broken window of the All Purpose Room was replaced along with windows in the kitchen and the Parish Secretary's office. I will be replacing broken panes in the kitchen stair-tower to the auditorium and the restroom hallway of the Parish House. The stair-tower windows appear to have been broken from stress. Therefore, I plan to replace them with acrylic.

With Fall come the leaves falling to the ground. Although we make every effort to remove leaves from our walking surfaces and our grounds, we sometimes experience an inundation of leaves. When combined with moisture, they can result in a very slippery surface to walk upon. Please exercise caution when walking on leaves. And, make use of railings and grab-bars where you can.

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*

We hope to see everyone on Saturday, December 6th at 9:00 a.m. for our Fall Clean-Up Day, as we prepare our property for the celebration of Christ's birth. As many hands make for light work for everyone, we hope you can provide some of your time that weekend to make our Church that special place for Christmas. Hope to see you then!

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. A \$30 donation is appreciated and please make a notation on your check. If you are unable to travel to church but are interested in signing up, please contact our Parish Secretary, Patti Means at 717-299-1188.

We would like to receive two (2) remembrances per Sunday and each will appear in both service bulletins. Following is the information we have received for the time-frame between **November, 2014** and **January, 2015**. The blank areas remain available. Thank you for supporting this important ministry at St. John's!



SUNDAY DATE	(1)	(2)
NOVEMBER 2	Betty Juslin-Asplin	Bruce & Leslie Tahsler
NOVEMBER 9	Dave & Sue Martin	Charles Alexander
NOVEMBER 16	Mike Higgs	
NOVEMBER 23	Ruth McDivitt	Jennifer Looker
NOVEMBER 30	James & Loie Breitegan (Advent Wreath)	Dale & Barbara Landis
DECEMBER 7	Patti Means	
DECEMBER 14		
DECEMBER 21		
DECEMBER 28		
JANUARY 4		
JANUARY 11		
JANUARY 18	Carroll Family	Cynthia Minnich
JANUARY 25		

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

I am glad to see that everyone has adjusted well to our new church school schedule! The children seem to be enjoying creating their mural before class. If you get a chance, stop down to take a look in the hallway! Thank you all for helping out with our Brown Bag Food Drive and CROP Walk. I know every little bit helps to make a BIG difference.

Please mark your calendars for some important dates coming up this month:

Nov 2nd All Saints Sunday. All are invited to St. Thomas for chili and Flag football!
Nov 9th Parish Meeting. Kids will meet in the All Purpose Room at 9:15 a.m. for a group lesson.
Nov 23rd Pastor Jennifer's Wedding!! See her message for more information.
Nov 30th Advent Event! Potluck lunch @ noon followed by activities for all ages!
We will also have a visit from St. Nicholas! A sign-up sheet will be in Parish Hall for food and activities. Help is needed. Please let me know if you can help out that day!

Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving Holiday!

Karen

Journey to Adulthood

Mary Ellen Kilp & Leslie Morgan, Co-Youth Directors

October was a busy month for the youth helping with Work Mass and then heading to Holy Trinity Shamokin to help clean up at their church. After cleaning and lunch everyone went to Knoebel's for some fun riding rides and eating food. The youth stayed the night at the church with others from the diocese and shared in the service on Sunday morning at Holy Trinity before heading home.

November brings with it the **Battle of All Saints football game** (also affectionately known as the battle for Pastor Jennifer's favorite trophy), to be held at St. Thomas on Sunday, November 2nd, beginning 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).

Also mark your calendars for a night of fun and creativity at the **Night Watch December 12-13, 2014**. Join other young people from around the Diocese for a night of fun and creativity. This program provides youth with an opportunity to meet other Episcopal young people and explore their spiritual side during Advent. The program includes a Curated Liturgy, Games, Snacks, Breakfast and more... Doors open at 7pm and dismissal is at 12pm the following day.

What is a Curated Eucharist?

A Curated Eucharist combines the beauty of the Eucharistic Liturgy from the Book of Common Prayer, and the creativity and encounter of an interactive art exhibit. The Eucharist follows Rite II, until it comes to the Liturgy of the Word. Here the individual members are invited in to explore the unique stations set up throughout the liturgical space. These stations incorporate Scripture, reflection questions and an interactive component (action, art, movement, etc.).

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

After a period of time the young people are invited to come back together and share their thoughts and reflections as the sermon for the community. The Eucharist continues following Rite II.

The goal is to allow young people to experience God deeply within the context of a recognizable and familiar worship service.

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 2	Battle of the Saints at St. Thomas
November 14-16	Happening planning meeting St. Mark's, Lewistown
December 5	Nightwatch Trinity, Williamsport (Fri. 7PM until Sat. 12PM)
December 12	Nightwatch St. John's, Lancaster (Fri. 7PM until Sat. 12PM)
December 13	Rite 13 Coffee Hour
December 24	Christmas Pageant
January 9-10	J2A Scrapbook event
January 23-25	Happening planning meeting St. Stephen's Cathedral, Harrisburg
February 13 -15	Happening (snow date is Feb. 20-22)
February 27-March 1	PYE for Sr. High youth at North Bay, MD
March 13-15	Middle School Retreat

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

Join us in sending care packages to our college students. We will pack boxes during the Advent Event. Please help out by bringing supplies, packing boxes and/or mailing them. Supplies we will need include: popcorn, candy, pens, sticky notes, tissues, etc.

POPCORN THEOLOGY

Friday, November 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Bully (2012) - This year, over 13 million American kids will be bullied at school, online, on the bus, at home, through their cell phones, and on the streets of their towns, making it the most common form of violence young people in this country experience. *Bully*, a documentary, opens on the first day of school. For a lot of kids, the only thing that's certain is that this year, like every other, bullying will be a big part of whatever meets them at their school's front doors. Each day, more than 160,000 kids across the country are absent because they're afraid of being bullied, but for many districts, it's just one more problem that gets swept under the rug. At this film's heart are those with the most at stake and whose stories each represent a different facet of this crisis. *Bully* intimately explores the lives of a few of the many courageous people bullying will touch this year. (PG-13, USA)

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*

JUBILEE MINISTRIES

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COMMUNITY BREAKFAST (Contact: Sue Martin) **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15**—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)

The after school program has gotten off to a fine start with 20 plus 4th and 5th graders from Robert Fulton School happily filling our parish hall on Weds. afternoons. Fourteen of them are the 100% returnees from last year's fourth grade, now growing into leadership positions. This fact signifies the trust and enthusiasm the parents, students, and school personnel have for this program, now entering its 12th year. Welcome to our new Program Director, Ms Rachel Eck, to new volunteers Cindy Morris and Bruce Tahsler, and to all the faithful veteran volunteers. "It takes a village".

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 September gave \$402 to Jubilee. This was a mediocre month, at best. **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. We also meeting between services each Sunday morning in the Parish Hall beginning at 9:00 a.m.



Be sure to see our ad on page 7 of this publication for our annual

“ST. NICK'S KNIT SALE”



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.

ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE!



On **Tuesday, November 4**, crowds of voters will gather in our church courtyard to cast their ballot for this most important election. Our church neighbors also come to buy baked goods from our semi-annual bake sale which benefits our Eagle's Nest After School Program. **WE NEED LOTS OF "GOODIES" TO SELL!** Please contribute something! Suggestions: cookies, brownies and other bars, cupcakes, snack mix, and breads of all varieties. Also offered will be the famous hand-made pizza slices which are created in the church kitchen for the lunch time crowd. Help is also needed to make pizza, greet voters, and sell baked goods. If you can help, please contact Sue Martin. Your baked goods can be delivered to church on Sunday, November 2 or directly to the courtyard during the day on Tuesday, November 4. This is the **ONLY** fund-raiser for Eagle's Nest during the year, so your support is greatly needed. Thank you!

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

On Saturday, November 1, fellow parishioner, Shirley Shaheen, will be recognized as St. John's ðHonored Womanö. This event will take place at the Diocesan Annual ECW Meeting at Trinity Church in Jersey Shore. Please join us in congratulating her for decades of service in different capacities, both to St. John's and our community.

On Sunday, November 9, our own St. John's ECW Annual Meeting will take place in the Parish Hall starting at 5:30 p.m. All generations of St. John's females are invited to join in the fellowship of a Pot Luck Salad Bar, followed by the Angel Tree ornament preparation workshop. Greens are provided for the light supper and you are asked to bring any add-ins to create yummy salads! Of course, bread and dessert could be offered too.

The ðAngel Treeö is a St. John's Jubilee ministry that provides Christmas gifts to neighborhood children. It is facilitated by the ECW and has been a popular holiday activity that involves the whole parish. Anne & Helena Carroll and Leslie Tahsler are the coordinators for this ministry.

On November 9, the ECW will create gift tags that will include the name of a child, age, and gender (some will include gift ideas). These tags will then be hung on our Christmas tree in the Parish Hall, available for November 30 and December 7.

Please be sure to take a gift tag (or more), purchase the gift(s), and return in a holiday bag with the gift tag attached. Gifts must be received and under the tree by December 14.

Approximately 100 gift tags are expected to be prepared for gift giving this Christmas.

Please join us as we give to others who may not otherwise have a gift to open on Christmas morning.



Submitted by, *Sue Martin*

STEWARDSHIP EVENT

Showing We Care: *Celebrating Our Ministries at St. John's*

Friday, November 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

The Stewardship Team is hosting this event for members of our St. John's community to celebrate the many ways we show that we care and, of course to eat, drink, and enjoy each other's company.

Featuring:

Ministry in Action: See displays / photos of some of the ways we show that we care.

Ministry Opportunity Surveys: Celebrate the developing and expanding ministries that have resulted from our survey responses.

Ministry Support: Celebrate progress towards meeting our goal for pledges to support these ministries through our annual operating budget.



Program: Food & Fellowship with short breaks to highlight various ministries.
Bring: Food (finger foods, savory or sweet) or beverage to share with others.
Soft drinks and juice will be provided.
(Free-will donations accepted.)



If you have questions, please contact either:

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dpcarterpa@verizon.net

or

Julie Gittens at:
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MDG GOALS UPDATE

Eight Millennium Development 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](#)



The month of November has a great opportunity for congregational action! The CROP Walk and your sore muscles may still be a fresh memory but, November and a new opportunity await.

November's opportunity is the
Seventh Annual Alternative Gift Fair: Gifts that Give Hope,
sponsored by the Foundation for Enhancing Communities.
This event will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., **November 22nd**
at the Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster
For more information visit online,
giftsthatgivehope.org/lancaster

Purchasing Alternative gifts is an opportunity to give back and MAKE A DIFFERENCE to the larger community and, honor your friends and loved ones at the same time. Instead of purchasing traditional gifts, participants purchase meaningful donations to local and global non-profits while improving the lives of others who are not on anyone's gift list!! **NEW this year**, TASTE THE WORLD at the Lancaster Gift Fair! Have lunch around the world while you shop. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door, <http://www.tastetheworldlancaster.com/gifts-that-give-hope.html>

There will be 30 different local and global nonprofits to visit and choose from to support through the purchase of alternative gifts and fairly traded items produced ethically and sustainably. The nonprofits participating are listed on the website and will be posted on the bulletin board in the Parish hall as well. This event covers so many Millennium Development Goals, if not all. But, most importantly it gives all of us the opportunity to build many connections and develop global partnerships, with many organizations that work to reach the goals.

There are many reasons why we as Christians should support such an event but, there isn't enough space to share all of them. I will leave you with this:

".....Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all."

----1 Thessalonians 5:13-15

Submitted by,

Tammy Collier

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE



*We went
from this...*



**We asked for help,
and you responded!**

We've told you about the gaps between food donations and the amount of food that we've needed to respond to our neighbors' needs, and you've come forth with...

Money: We've received \$2362 in contributions for the Food Pantry in 2014 (Jan.-Sep.), half of that since our August 17 "Food Pantry Sunday"!

Food: Our church school sponsored a food drive by handing out grocery bags with shopping lists attached, and you came through with a bountiful supply!

*This was only a part of
your October 19 food
pantry contributions!*



...to this!



Note: We have more grocery bags with lists, so if you missed out on the food drive, you can pick up a bag near the entrance to the church or in Parish Hall.



VOYAGERS

Do you have a very warm and special memory of Thanksgiving or Christmas? One that takes you back to a time you wish you could share with others? You can! by attending the next Voyagers meeting on Saturday, November 22nd at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

Since there will not be a meeting held in December, we want to include both holiday memories in November. Everyone of every age is invited to join us for warm fellowship, great memories, and tasty refreshments!



Questions? Please contact: *Barbara Graeter*



A.L.E.R.T.

All Lancaster Episcopal Response Team: A group of 20 plus adult and youth volunteers from the Lancaster Convocation gathered on Saturday, October 4th to work at a variety of homes /yard work sites in and around the Lancaster area. The day began with an introductory worship service at both St. John's (Marietta) and St. Edwards (Lancaster) followed by the volunteers dispersing to more than a dozen work sites to carry on their mission work for the day. Late afternoon, volunteers met at St. John's (Lancaster) for a Holy Eucharist service and a meal that was prepared by yet another group of volunteers. The day was a great success and our volunteers from St. John's were: *Emma, Danielle & Karen DiPace, Doug Brown, Mike Gbur, Bill Gross, Dave & Sue Martin, Shirley Shaheen, and Janelle & Dylan Stone.* All agreed that it was good to have the opportunity to serve our church communities and to build relationships among the volunteers from other Episcopal churches within the Lancaster Convocation.



Danielle & Dave



Dave, Danielle, Karen, Pam Heisey (St. Paul's), Emma, & Rev. Gina Barrett (St. Thomas)



Danielle



Emma



Church Service Following the Event



Reception for A.L.E.R.T. Volunteers

NEW FAMILY MEMBERS

Submitted by, Julie Gittens

*Train up a child in the way he should go;
even when he is old he will not depart from it.*

Proverbs 22:6

Last month, Fr. John sent out an email to a few of us asking "Would you like to 'adopt' a Millersville student?" A week later, he sent us all another email saying, "I have not heard back from anyone yet!" After the second email, I responded. My first question was very simply, "What exactly did 'adopt' mean?" I live in a studio apartment and I barely have room for myself; the thought of a college student living with me just didn't seem feasible. Fr. John gave me the name and number of Charlene Wiltshire of St. Thomas African Episcopal Church in Philadelphia, who I called and got all the information.

Charlene Wiltshire, a life-time member of St. Thomas, started a program over a decade ago to help St. Thomas college students/members remain active in the Episcopal Church. When a St. Thomas member leaves home to attend college, she contacts a church in the nearby area and asks if a member there would be willing to 'adopt' their church member. By adopt, she means the host church member will contact their member, who's now away from home and very busy with college life, and invite them to visit his/her church. After listening to Charlene, I said, "Okay, what do I have to do?" Charlene gave me contact information for Angelica Ganier, a senior at Millersville University, who's studying communications and theatre.

I started out thinking, "Well, this will be easy. All I have to do is speak with Angelica, tell her St. John's address and the times of the service." Well, I was wrong. I had forgotten something very important about Angelica. She's from Philly and SEPTA is her friend. So, unlike those of us who simply walk over or drive to St. John's on Sundays, Angelica wasn't going to be able to simply drive to St. John's every Sunday. Thanks to Fr. John reminding me that David Kilp is also a student at Millersville, I was able to find Angelica a ride here on Sundays.

I really like St. Thomas's "adopt a college student" program and I'd highly recommend we do it for our college students, too. Yes, we're all busy with our personal lives, jobs and children and we think we can't do anything more, but we can all do a "little something" more. Also, this is an excellent opportunity to learn something new. For instance, my texting has gotten better since I started talking with Angelica. Also, Fran and John Gouveia will be helping out, too. This means that Angelica is not only going to be getting advice from Fran and me, but John will be monitoring who she's dating.



PRAYER LIST

For those who we offer our continued prayers:

Darlene Bentley
Franklin Brown
Jean Brown
Vera Clarke
Linda Frederiksen
Mary Hartley
Bill & Lois Herzog
Mary Ellen Kilp
Terry Kuntz
Olivia Lynch
Barbara McGraw
Andrew Miller
William Miller
Norma Murphy
Shirley Parmer
Mary Power
Robert & Joan Power
Christian Stigelman
Leeton Thomas
Barbara Thompson
Melissa Williams
Charles



*...and for our
Homebound
Parishioners*

Nelson Craige
Margaret Crothers
Faith D'Urbano
Paul Davis
Nancy Eckenrode
Providence Eshelman
Michael Frantz
Geoffrey Haskell
Betty Juslin-Asplin
Paul Kreider
Joan Lahr
Stefan Latshaw
Fritz Lawrence
Donna Lawson
Debbie Linton
Betty McCaskey
Barbara McKee
Paul Merker
Nancy Nemith
Peter Plaxa
Nancy Puffer
Virginia Rainey
Barbara Rich
Gray Sellers
Helen Souders
Joanna Sweeney
Sandra Wengert
Poppy Youngquist

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.

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.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Alexander, Charles	25
Almy, Ruth	29
Archer, Carolyn	19
Brown, Chloe	8
Carroll, Evelyn	29
Collier, Tammy	22
Crothers, Margaret	27
Di Pace, Danielle	29
Dorgan, Drew	16
Eaton, Laurie	7
Eaton, Peter	23
Farmer, Priscilla	6
Gromis, Caroline	11
Guetter, John	21
Humphrey, Carole	1
Kelley, Lois	8
Kilp, Daniel	30
Landis, Barbara	3
Le, Nhi	26
Looker-Fenn, William	7
Martin, Dave	10
McCormick, Murphy	16
McGraw, Barbara	25
Pennell, Mary	21
Rahe II, Charles	13
Ramella, Karen	16
Sauder, Marylee	23
Schick, Nathaniel	26
Scott, Hagar	23
Seachrist, Marjorie	1
Stonerook, Laura	8
Thompson, Ian	3
Waskowicz, Lauren	19
Woolson, James	20



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Couple</u>	
Breitegan, Jim & Loie	11/24/1949
Carter, Debbie & Cater, Bill	11/24/2007
Durand, Don & Judy	11/17/1979
Gouveia, John & Fran	11/18/1995
Gromis, Sharon & Jeff	11/19/1983



Messenger Deadline

**THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT
ARTICLES FOR THE**

**DECEMBER
"MESSENGER" IS:**

NOVEMBER 17

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

SERVING SCHEDULE – NOVEMBER, 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!"*

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 3	Team 3
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

NOVEMBER 9	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Merle Schnee	David Kilp, Brad Moyer
Eucharistic Visitor	ô	Phyllis Gbur, Sue Heilman
Lector	Bob Lee	Joel Cliff
Server	ô	Aidan Cliff
Torch Bearer	ô	Sean Cliff, Michael Thompson
Crucifer	ô	Dave Pennell
Altar Guild	Team 4	Team 4
Steeple Bell Ringer	ô	Emma DiPace
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team B
Greeter	ô	Peter Novosel
Coffee Hour	ECW	ECW
Nursery	ô	Courtney Rhodes

NOVEMBER 16	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Ricky Smith	Peter Novosel, Emily Gross
Eucharistic Visitor	ô	Fred & Eleanor Honaman
Lector	Sue Tobie	Paula Wolf
Server	Joanie Kilhefner	James Woolson
Torch Bearer	ô	Conor Brenton, Kendall Morgan
Crucifer	ô	John Waskowicz
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	ô	Danielle DiPace
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team C
Greeter	ô	Carolyn Maxey
Coffee Hour	Community Breakfast	Community Breakfast
Nursery	ô	Heidi Leitzke



“Happy Thanksgiving!”

NOVEMBER 23	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Laurie Eaton	David Kilp, Emily Gross
Eucharistic Visitor	Phil Becker, Ricky Smith	Peter Novosel, Julie Gittens
Lector	Fred Bush	Frank Cummins
Server	ô	Emma DiPace
Torch Bearer	ô	Sean Cliff, Danielle DiPace
Crucifer	ô	Bob Kilp
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Steeple Bell Ringer	ô	Amelia Dissinger
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team D
Greeter	ô	Bruce Waskowicz
Coffee Hour	Reception Committee	Reception Committee
Nursery	ô	Mary Ellen Kilp

NOVEMBER 30	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Ricky Smith	Judy Arnold, David Dissinger
Eucharistic Visitor	ô	Don Durand, Sue Heilman
Lector	Merle Schnee	Fran Gouveia
Server	ô	Amelia Dissinger
Torch Bearer	ô	Miriam & Max Lester
Crucifer	ô	John Waskowicz
Altar Guild	Team 4	Team 4
Steeple Bell Ringer	ô	Tierza Mendez
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team B
Greeter	ô	Leslie Morgan
Coffee Hour	Usher Teams C & D	Usher Teams C & D
Nursery	ô	Katie Mausolf

LOOKING AHEAD TO: DECEMBER, 2014

DECEMBER 7	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Peter Eaton	Sibyl Freeman, Katie Mausolf
Eucharistic Visitor	ô	Fred & Eleanor Honaman
Lector	Laurie Eaton	David Dissinger
Server	Joanie Kilhefner	Dylan Stone
Torch Bearer	ô	Kylie Stone, Natalie Visco
Crucifer	ô	Glenn Miller
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1
Steeple Bell Ringer	ô	Max Lester
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Team
Greeter	ô	Brad Zuke
Coffee Hour	Property	Property
Nursery	ô	Mary Waskowicz

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.